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Holiday greetings
from Bethel area businesses.

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Suspect arraigned for spree of burglaries from residences in Paradise Road area

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A 20-year-old Bethel man was arraigned Friday on five charges of burglary and five of theft in connection to a series of late-summer break-ins and thefts in the Paradise Road area of Bethel.

Joshua McAllister, of 44 Dumont Circle, was placed on supervised release and the case is expected to eventually go before a judge, according to the Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

All of the burglary charges involve residential break-ins, making them Class B felonies, each punishable by a maximum of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$20,000.

One of the theft charges involves goods valued at \$1,000 or more, making it a Class C felony, for which McAllister

could face a maximum of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

The remaining charges are misdemeanor-level offenses.

The incidents on which McAllister was arraigned were part of a larger spree of break-ins, clustered near the southern (Vernon Street) end of Paradise Road.

In September, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office (which had taken over policing responsibilities in Bethel July 1) began an investigation of the crimes, many of which were apparently unreported.

At that time, County Sheriff Wayne Gallant said: "There's an unreal number of homes that have been entered more

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Grand jury indicts three from area for torchings

By TONY REAVES
Sun Media Wire

A Milton man and a mother and daughter from, respectively, Albany and Gilead were indicted on arson charges Friday by the Oxford County Grand Jury.

Steven Roberts, 47, of Milton was charged with burning down his girlfriend's home in November. On Oct. 22, he allegedly assaulted her and was charged with domestic violence assault, domestic violence terrorizing and criminal threatening with a weapon in that incident.

"He left some messages on her phone saying he was going to burn her house down and kill her cat," Young said. The victim went to Maine

State Police Trooper Paul Casey. When she was away from home, Young said, Roberts went to the house and set it on fire.

Roberts was arrested after the fire for the assault and threatening charges, and while in custody admitted to Young that he set the fire. The cat was not harmed, Young said. He said Casey and Maine State Police Trooper Kyle Tilsley assisted in the case.

JoAnn Farris, 63, of Albany Township, and her daughter, Lisa Thurston, 37, of Gilead are accused of burning several buildings belonging to

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Celebrating The First Noel



A choir sings Christmas carols at Sunday evening's Living Nativity on the Bethel Common. The annual event features Wise Men, shepherds, angels, the Holy Family and an assortment of animals. For a photo of the Nativity scene, see Page 14. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Possibility of WES closure prompts W'stack School Board member to call for a hearing

By ALISON ALOISIO

With a School Board vote on whether to close the Woodstock Elementary School expected in about six weeks, Woodstock officials Tuesday agreed to hold a public hearing on the issue at the request of director Marcel Polak.

"Before I vote, I'd like to hear from citizens," Polak told selectmen. He said the other two Woodstock directors would also like input.

The question of whether

or not to close WES, as well as the Andover Elementary School, first arose last year when the district learned the state would make drastic cuts in state aid. SAD 44 broached the idea of possibly closing the schools, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

If the board votes to close one or both, each town would have the option of paying the sum of money the district would save annually, in order to keep its school open.

For Woodstock, that amount was estimated last year to be about \$425,000.

On Tuesday Polak said the state will soon calculate a more precise figure, and present it to both the town and SAD 44.

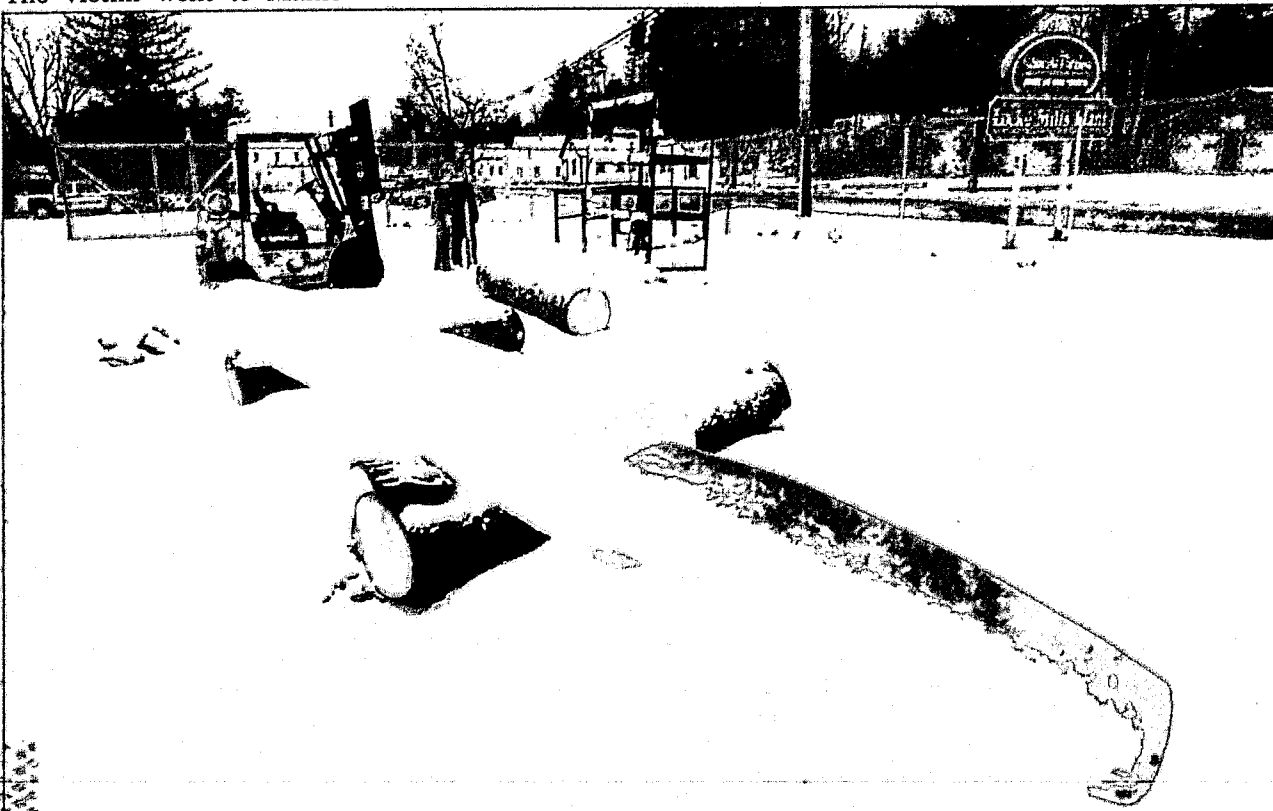
"Once it's generated, they will send it to the town to review, and you would have 10 days to question it," he said. "At the same time it would be sent to the School Board for review."

When the board receives it, directors might vote at that meeting on whether or not to close, or they might wait until the following meeting, Polak said.

"No date has been set yet. It could happen in late January or February," he said.

If directors do vote to close WES, said Polak, SAD 44 would then work with the town to set up a referendum for town residents to decide

See WES, Page 3



KINGPIN, READY TO BE ENTHRONED

A 21-foot-long rolling pin, billed as the country's largest, was put in place above the fence at the Saunders Brothers Mill in Locke Mills Wednesday. The pin symbolizes the mill's new featured product. Here, forklift operator Foster Davis (left) and Bob Brown of Hanover discuss how to place the pin. (Photo: Daniels)

Appeals Board refuses, 2-1, to hear challenge to wind-farm's approval

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Woodstock Appeals Board last week declined to hear an appeal challenging the Planning Board's approval of Patriot Renewable's wind power project on Spruce Mountain.

The appeal had been filed by abutter Nate Snow.

The decision not to hear the appeal was based on procedural rather than substantive grounds. The 2-1 vote followed arguments by attorneys for Woodstock and Patriot that the time limit for filing an appeal had expired,

and the board therefore did not have jurisdiction to hear it.

Another appeal on the project, this one on a second approval that is required from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, is currently in process.

The DEP approved the 10-tower project in October. Some residents near the site have expressed concern about noise levels and other possible impacts.

Last Thursday's half-hour

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Parish of the Holy Savior Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

At Our Lady of the Snows
265 Walkers Mills Road
Saturday, Dec. 25, 8:00 AM
No 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday
Sunday, Dec. 26
4:30 PM Mass
Feast of Christ the King

Saint Athanasius and St. John's Church
126 Maine Avenue, Rumford
Christmas Eve, Fri., Dec. 24
4:00 & 7:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 25, 10:00 AM
Sun., Dec. 26, 9:30 AM
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- ✓ Reservations for our NYE Celebration, see more on page 3

Christmas Eve:
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5pm - 6pm: Caroling in the Gibson Room
5pm - 7:30pm: Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
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Letters

ICE TOWER SEEMS A FOLLY

To the Editor:

As an out-of-towner, I find Bethel such an inviting, attractive town that I can't fathom why the Chamber of Commerce thinks a tall tower of ice could add anything to its already charming ambiance.

I'm sure there are wise and creative people in the chamber so why in the world aren't they using their creativity and talent to imagine something that has lasting beauty and usefulness to the community? Just think what they could create for the town with all that energy and talent the chamber has been able to inspire in past endeavors! Something that won't be wasteful of precious resources and won't disappear with an unseasonal rain or thaw.

However wasteful of time, resources and energy Angus Snowman may have been, he was at least a novelty. That sense of novelty no longer exists. Building a tower of ice seems nothing but folly to me -- and probably I'm not alone.

Joyce White
Stoneham

LEGACY FOUNDATION CANISTERS

To the Editor:

The Legion Riders are once again posting the fact that canisters are out for the Legacy Foundation. We are hoping to make or break the amount we got two years ago. We, the citizens of the River Valley, made it clear with a \$500 donation to the Legacy Foundation that our area is supporting our soldiers and their families.

If you see a canister please be kind, help us give the children of fallen soldiers the right to go on in the academic field they choose. This money helps all children of fallen soldiers all over the United States. The state of Maine and you folks made a big impression last year -- \$350. The state sent out \$17,000 to the National Headquarters for this fine endeavor. The National gross was somewhere around \$640,000.

Also folks if you notice, we, the Riders, have some fun posted for you, the public, to come and enjoy, if you're willing to try and build a Valve Cover Car. The traditional is a Valve Cover with CD's for wheels. The Modified has wheels on it. The overall width cannot exceed eight inches wide. The date is Feb. 20 and the race will be at the Legion Hall. The registration amount is \$7 a car. The money raised will go into the Legacy Foundation amount.

Come on folks! Join in the fun, help the Legion Riders make the River Valley a place where all of our citizens care and help. Come and enjoy a good time. Trophies will be ready for the first, second, and third-place finishes. (All Legion Riders from around the state come join the fun and try to take the Post, or Chapter Plaque.

Ed Ellis

Director, Chapter 24, American Legion Riders

TIME FOR GIVING

To the Editor:

My name is Tabatha Steward. I am the Maine State Representative for Unlocking Autism and the owner of a cleaning business called Faith, Hope & Love Cleaning Services.

I have been trying to figure out what I as a person could do to help raise more money for children with autism, and as a mom of a child with ASD this holds dear to my heart. As the holiday season gets closer and the love for the Lord seems to get stronger I decided that as of Jan. 1, 2011 I as a business owner and as a person who loves and cares for all with ASD that I'm going to donate \$5 to every \$100 I make from all cleaning jobs I do so to Unlocking Autism of Maine (www.unlockingautism.me.org).

There's so many non-profits out there that need the help of each and everyone of you to help keep them going and to help do what their trying to do whether it be raise awareness, to giving funds to therapy, or even to help find a cure. It doesn't take much, just a kind heart! My business isn't a big one and I don't rake in that much money but I do know that every cent raised will help and I'm willing to do anything for I love these children with all my heart. What are you willing to do for a nonprofit close to your heart?

Have a great amazing Christmas and New Year and remember there's so many less fortunate then you and I who need faith, hope and love from people like us!

Tabatha Steward
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

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NON-PROFIT COLLABORATIVE AWARDED \$24K GRANT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Non-profit Collaborative (BANC) has devoted more than two years to building a meaningful and functional network among the Greater Bethel Area's nonprofit organizations. These efforts were recognized this month by the Environmental Funders Network (EFN), through the award of the first year's \$24,000 of a two-year "Quality of Place" grant.

This funding, awarded by EFN to support Quality of Place goals, will allow BANC to take important steps forward in its mission of helping area nonprofits enhance organizational efficiency, expand fundraising opportunities, strengthen impact in the community, improve ability to meet organizational mission and build trust and capacity in the community. A Network Facilitator, or "Team Captain," will be hired through the funding administered by the Mahoosuc Land Trust, the fiscal agent of the grant.

The EFN, a joint project of the Maine Community Foundation and the Maine Philanthropy Center, provides opportunities for education and sharing of information, encourages networking, and identifies opportunities for individual or joint funding of initiatives to address the most pressing issues facing Maine's environment. The EFN's Quality of Place Initiative seeks to support projects that "strengthen the link between the natural and built environments, emphasize public engagement, and take seriously the process and action elements required to build and sustain collaborations."

In 2010 The EFN awarded \$526,400 in Quality of Place grants through its collaborative funding initiative, "From Vision to Action: A Commitment to Maine's Quality of Place." Fifteen grants ranging in size from \$15,000 to \$50,000 were made to each of the first year (2009) grantees and as well as to: Androscoggin Land Trust, Friends of Midcoast Maine, Keeping Maine's Forests, Mahoosuc Land Trust (the fiscal agent for the BANC), Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, and The Nature Conservancy.

The BANC Network Facilitator will create and strengthen links among the Bethel area's nonprofit community by facilitating and formalizing BANC's strategic planning; expanding opportunities for collaborative ventures; enhancing existing, and developing new, communication strategies among the group; securing funding to ensure BANC's sustainability; and engaging the public in BANC's efforts through public forums, traditional and social media, and volunteerism.

Over the past two and a half years, the BANC has:

- studied collaborative models and processes and sought effective ways of increasing community impact;
- successfully implemented a development grant from the Betterment Foundation through the Institute for Civic Leadership;
- developed an inventory of Bethel Area nonprofit organizations and completed an electronic survey of area nonprofit organizations which measured interest in collaborative possibilities;
- initiated plans for building a dedicated Internet network for area nonprofits;
- produced a community forum which convened 80 people from nearly 60 area nonprofits and spawned several collaborative projects;
- created a focus group to hone in on new collaborative initiatives; and
- successfully applied for the EFN grant to further collaborative work through a BANC facilitator.

The collaborative energy nurtured by BANC has spawned several community projects. The Bethel Trails Project has been supported by the Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Androscoggin River Watershed Council and assisted by Maine Handicapped Skiing, Upper Andro Anglers Alliance, local businesses, state and federal agencies, and private landowners.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has collaborated with several organizations to produce heritage and arts programming in the schools and community: Gould Academy, Crescent Park School, Telstar Middle/High School, Woodstock Elementary School, Andover Elementary School, Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Performing Arts Project, Friends of CPS, Mahoosuc Kids Association, and local businesses.

In its efforts to create a downtown outdoor heritage, recreation, and community center, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has received help from the towns of Bethel and Newry, the Bethel Historical Society, Mahoosuc Land Trust, Androscoggin River Watershed Council, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, Upper Androscoggin Anglers Association, Sunday River Resort, and other local businesses.

One exciting initiative has been increasing community and student involvement in local foods production and distribution. The G.O.T. Farms? (Greenhouse of Telstar) project has involved Telstar Middle School, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Mahoosuc Kids Association, SAD 44 Adult Education, the Western Mountains Senior College, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, and many local businesses and volunteers.

New members are always welcome in the BANC. Current members include the Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Area Historical Society, Mahoosuc Kids Association, Bethel Area Trails Committee, Mahoosuc Land Trust, Mahoosuc Arts Council, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Telstar High School, River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, and Androscoggin River Watershed Council.

Aranka Matolcsy

For the BANC Steering Committee



SKELETON FOR ICE MOUNTAIN—Work is underway on the support infrastructure for a 140-foot plus ice tower near the Casablanca Cinema in Bethel. Here, volunteer Ed Bennett welds one section of a bundle of pipes together as Jim Sysko and Bob Westfall attach guy wires in the background. Each pipe ends at a different height, at 20-foot intervals. As water is pumped up through and flows out of the end of each successive pipe and down, it will freeze on the outside of the pipes. Sysko hopes to use a crane to erect the structure this week. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson:

10 years ago: High winds in the area caused widespread power outages, sending Telstar students home early and slowing Bethel businesses.

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Bethel Inn with 54 members and guests present.

The 156-year-old weather-vane atop the Rumford Point Congregational Church was among the casualties of the high winds.

Birth: Madeline Amelia Williams.

Death: Craig C. Stevens.

20 years ago: Brent Swan had been released after being held hostage for 60 days by anti-government rebels in Angola.

A last-minute flurry of donations put the Rotary Club's Christmas for Kids fund over the top.

Several thousand people in Bethel, Newry, Greenwood, Mason, Woodstock, Gilead and parts of Hanover were without power after a dead pine, over-weighted with snow, fell on a transmission line.

Birth: Owen Arthur Griffin. Deaths: Emery L. Vail, Maude Pumphrey Hanscom.

30 years ago: Bethel's Christmas parade and tree lighting was made more festive by a light fall of snow. Santa arrived in pony coach provided by Dick and Grace Douglass, and music was furnished by the Telstar band.

Nearly 1,500 persons from 32 states, the District of Columbia, and nine foreign countries visited the Moses Mason House during 1980.

Gould Academy held a training camp for members of its Alpine and Nordic teams.

Deaths: Mrs. Barbara L. Scott, Mrs. Mildred Tuell Carlson.

40 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. David Salway were co-chairmen of Bethel's annual Living Nativity Scene. Frank Vogt was director and Wilbur Myers narrated.

Hi Berry had volunteered to serve as coordinator for a community skating rink on the Common.

Dale Thurston seriously injured his hand while working at Newton-Tebbets Mill at West Bethel.

Births: Becky Morton, Laura Lynn Day, Travis Lee Wilson.

Deaths: Shelby L. Douglass, Walter S. Stearns, Archie E. Gould.

50 years ago: Mrs. W. C. Bryant was guest of honor at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bryant to celebrate her 80th birthday.

The Bethel school buses had been inspected by the State Police and found satisfactory.

Well over 150 attended the Universalist Church Sunday School program and Christmas tree.

Births: Suzanne Wood, Carilee Merrill.

Death: Mrs. Earle W. Elledge.

60 years ago: About 75 enjoyed the Christmas party of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Members of the Farm Bureau, their families, and invited guests enjoyed a delicious supper and Christmas tree at the Locke Mills town hall.

Birth: Paula May Howe.

Death: Mrs. Lizzie Bennett.

70 years ago: One of the most severe earthquakes for sometime was reported on the morning of Dec. 20. It centered in New England and lasted about a minute. No damage was reported.

80 years ago: Santa Claus was to appear at a Christmas tree on the Common, sponsored by the Lions Club.

90 years ago: Mrs. Clarence Bennett completed her duties in W. C. Bryant's store.

Burnap's sawmill, on the W. R. Chapman pine lot, opposite Riverside Cemetery burned.

100 years ago: The Bethel Chair Factory was shut down for a few weeks.

Bethel street lights were to remain on until 12 o'clock on Saturday night, Dec. 24.

Death: John F. Hapgood.

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WES

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whether to raise annually the amount needed to keep the school open.

Because students from Greenwood also attend the school, said Polak, "there should be a discussion for Greenwood to contribute on a prorated basis. But I don't know that that's a legal requirement."

Selectmen will wait to hear back from Polak on a timetable for a hearing.

Polak praised the job that both the Woodstock and Andover schools do in educating their students. The discussion about closings, he said, "is not about performance."

Statewide, he said, some 34 schools have closed recently across Maine because of tight budgets.

Open Space Program

After the school discussion, Polak donned a different hat to discuss the work of the Woodstock Conservation Commission, of which he is a member. The group is creating an Open Space plan to consider at the annual Town Meeting.

"Open space" is generally defined as land that is not developed.

"Our direction comes from the town's Comprehensive Plan," Polak said.

The commission is gathering wildlife maps, recreational trail maps and other

er kinds of maps to come up with a composite, he said.

"Our goal is to find out what's important to the community," Polak said. "We'll discuss benefits and make recommendations."

The WCC invites the public to its next meeting, on Jan. 11 at the Town Office, to look at the maps that have been created. A final draft will likely be completed Feb. 8, and at the commission's March 8 meeting the public may see the final version, he said.

The annual Town Meeting is March 28.

Washouts, new fire truck

In other business, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said parts of the Concord Pond Road had washed out during the recent heavy rainstorm. "It cost us just under \$10,000 to get the road usable," he said. Maxfield said there will likely be an overdraft in the roads account, and a special Town Meeting may be needed to get official approval to spend the money from surplus.

The town has purchased a used 1985 ladder truck from the Dixfield Fire Department at a cost of \$2,100, Maxfield said.

The day after the purchase, said Maxfield, Woodstock firefighters used it at a chimney fire. "It's safer to reach the roof, rather than using a ladder," he said.

Briefly

Newry well water tastes best in state

NEWRY—At the 2010 Annual Drinking Water Taste Test held at the Maine Rural Water Association in Freeport recently, Newry's Red House Farm Village Condo Association's well water was proclaimed the Best Tasting Untreated Drinking Water in the state. The Association's water comes from a well drilled in 1996 on land owned by Steve and Peggy Wight, located on Skiway Road, and produces 150 gallons of water per minute, according to Steve Wight. The well currently serves 20 properties in the association, which are primarily used as vacation homes and are most active during the winter season.

Bounty at the food pantry

BETHEL—The Bethel Food Pantry is benefiting from the generosity of area residents this holiday season. "The place is filled up to the ceiling," said volunteer Dave Bean. "Thanks to CPS, Telstar Middle School, the Rumford Food Pantry, Rooster's Roadhouse and all the area churches for the regular donations. Bethel is a place where people care about their neighbors." Bean hopes the generosity continues into the new year. "It is just as important to think about those who are less fortunate after the holidays are long gone," he said.

Christmas

For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has reached their goal of \$12,000

To be used to purchase toys for needy boys & girls in our community.

A Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who generously made a contribution!

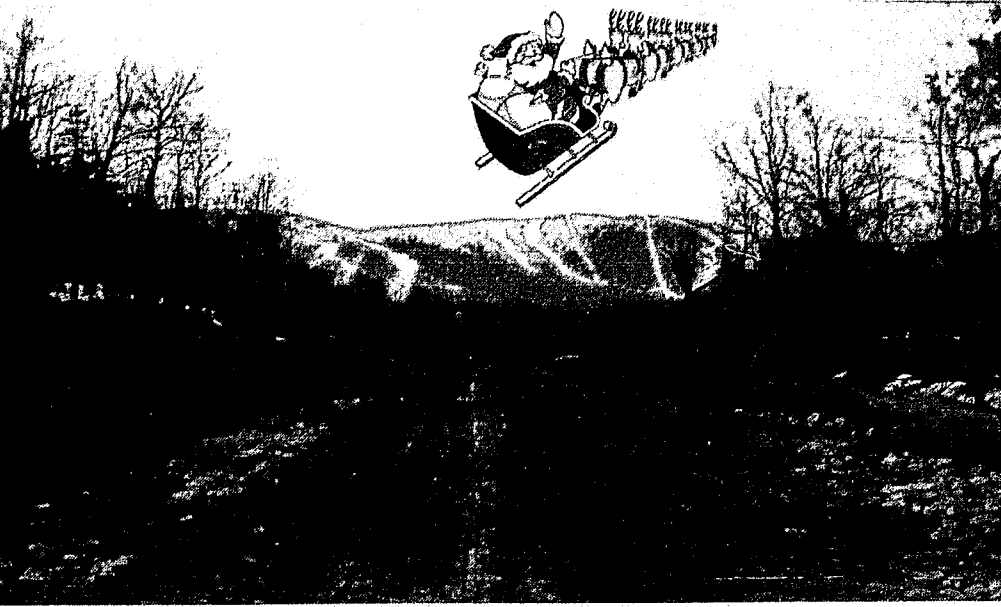
Bethel Rotary Club Christmas for Children

Super Crossword

Answers

HYDE	OMAR	OLGA	MASH
EARN	HAVE	CLOUDS	ACHE
SLED	FORE	ADMIRE	CHUM
SEGUE	CROCS	DINE	OLE
RAGE	PHONE	FOR	JOAN
GENERALS	LIMO	TREE	
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HARP	BIKE	FORM	KEEN
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SANTA'S RUNWAY ON MERRILL HILL



Visions of sugarplums may have been dancing in your head but now is the time to contemplate Morganite, Tourmaline, Beryl, Amethyst, Topaz and Aquamarine. The latest streets which are sculpted into the slopes of Merrill Hill with underground utilities. Seeing Santa off is just one of the perks each one of a kind trophy property offers on Merrill Hill. We think you deserve to experience the very best Sunday River has to offer. Within this winter wonderland imagine your dream home and a beautiful homesite on

over 460 acres surrounded by mountain vistas, enchanting woodlands and century old logging trails that serve as private and pristine routes for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing while the rest of the family is skiing nearby Jordan Bowl. If you are not feeling athletic call for an appointment to preview this natural paradise located on Monkeybrook Road on the road to Jordan Grand look for the Parkitecture Gatehouse.

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Advanced reservations for dinner & party are required as space is limited. This event did sell out last year, so don't wait to buy! Price before 12:30 is \$80 per couple and \$50 for a individual for dinner & party. After 12:30 \$100 per couple or \$60 an individual. \$10 for party after 8PM. Reservation can be made at the 3rd floor office or by calling 207 875 5000

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Break-ins

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than one time, and items have been taken—for the last year, and nobody's reported it."

Most of the items taken in the spree appear to have been relatively low value.

Lt. Chris Wainwright, of the OCSO's Criminal Investigation Unit, described McAllister's alleged haul as "a real host of just about everything, ranging from change and household-cleaning products to air conditioners, stereo equipment and a chain saw."

"The items he took were really just strange," Wainwright said, "and he'd go into some of these houses and not take anything."

The break-ins themselves, however, were a subject of rumor and concern for residents of the area.

Wainwright led the investigation, and quickly identified McAllister as a suspect in at least some of the cases.

Nonetheless, he said, it took several months of working with McAllister "to get to the bottom of it."

The charges that were ultimately brought, Wainwright said, "were the good, solid cases that I thought I could prove."

Wainwright and deputies assigned to Bethel continue to investigate the other incidents, he said.

Arson

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George Sprague of Albany Township on Aug. 21. Young said Sprague had lived with the women and was providing some financial support to them but moved out.

He said the women were angry with Sprague for moving out and refusing to return.

According to Young, Farris convinced Thurston to set the fire. He said Farris first drove to pick up kerosene, then brought her daughter to the scene where Thurston poured it on the buildings and lit the flames.

"There were several burglaries that were unrelated and took place around the same time," Wainwright said, "and we're still working on those."

He credited the work of the deputies for the first charges to result from the burglaries.

"The reason this case was solved was the deputies who took the calls, did great reports and made it a lot easier for me as an investigator," Wainwright said.

For example, he said: "Typically, when they had a report of a break-in, they would go out and check other residences in the area," and often found signs of doors having been jimmied or jarred.

"In such cases, they left a note for the homeowner," he said.

But that tactic was not always productive. In many such instances, Wainwright said, "no one contacted us, or they did and said there was nothing missing and they didn't want to pursue it."

Most of the items taken by McAllister were eventually returned to their owners, Wainwright said.

(Note: A call Tuesday afternoon to McAllister's attorney, Peter Kaynor of Rumbold, was not returned by The Citizen's press time the following afternoon.)

Appeal

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discussion focused on when the town's Planning Board had made its decision to approve the project. The established window for an appeal is 30 days.

Woodstock attorney Lee Bragg argued the board's decision was made on Nov. 17, 2009, based on minutes from that meeting. On Jan. 5, 2010, the board then granted a request by Patriot to amend a nighttime noise level waiver from 50 to 55 decibels.

Any appeals on either the primary approval or on the waiver should have been filed within 30 days of those dates, Bragg said.

But Snow, noting the Planning Board had asked Patriot to meet with members Oct. 19 of this year to discuss the DEP approval and accompanying report, argued the formal town approval did not take effect until then. He quoted minutes from the meeting stating the review was complete as of that date.

Because there was confusion about the sequence, said Snow, "a decision should be rendered on the side of the citizen."

Appeals Board members Ruth Feeney and Stephen Newkirk voted against hearing the appeal, while chairman Jim Chandler voted in favor.

"I think there's enough question about it," said Chandler.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Hartford described the process timetable for the board's approval, saying that in January his board had signed a Site Plan Review as being completed, pending DEP approval.

"We did not feel that we could or should issue a building permit [which requires substantial work be completed within a year], since it could not be used. Once DEP approval was received in October 2010, we felt all requirements were met and the building permit could be used."

The board felt the October date could possibly be used as a start date for the window on an appeal, he said.

However, "what we suggested in October 2010 was in error, but it was already over eight months since the appeal should have been initiated," he said.

The Jan. 5 Planning Board minutes state that the board "does need to hear from the state concerning their requirements before a building permit can be granted."

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Court appeal considered

Snow said after the meeting he is consulting an attorney about possibly appealing the decision to Superior Court.

"Not to be lost in all this 'timeline' debate is that the actual facts contained in my appeal are seriously problematic for the local approval of this project and are consequently the reason that Patriot is fighting so hard on a technicality so that we can't have a real dialogue about some of the issues that have been raised," Snow said Friday. "I sincerely hope that we are able to bring these facts to light down the road and let both sides have their say publicly."

Snow said his appeal would have argued that the Planning Board did not by law

have the authority to grant the two waivers on decibel levels. Such authority, he said, rests solely with the Board of Appeals.

He also said the waivers exceed both the town and state noise levels and were, therefore, "improper."

"Additionally, an applicant must prove that undue hardship will result by strict application of the standard. This standard was also not imposed in this case as Patriot

ot simply asked for the noise waiver and had it granted," Snow said.

Hartford said Tuesday the town ordinance gives the Planning Board the right to grant waivers. The sound waiver Patriot received applied to one tower only, he said.

The town's ordinance stipulates a nighttime sound limit at property lines of 45 decibels for residential properties and 55 for commercial.

"Patriot asked for the waiver, but the Planning Board and Patriot made several changes to the original request to ensure that the waiver was as minimal as possible, and not in violation of state requirements," said Hartford.

"The waiver was a deviation from the town ordinance, but it did not exceed the state requirement. Our noise level was more stringent than that of the state."

On Monday Andy Novey of Patriot Renewables explained the request to change from 50 to 55 decibels. "We

had originally requested a waiver to 55 decibels at the property line; however, when we received our Site Plan Review approval it included a waiver to only 50 decibels, so we went back and asked for the needed 55 decibels. Additionally, we provided the town with recently surveyed property line boundaries that showed a need for the 55 dBA waiver. Since then, we have entered into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase all of the property that required the 55 dBA waiver."

DEP appeal

The appeal challenging DEP's approval of the wind project was filed last month by the Friends of Spruce Mountain.

At the time of the appeal, a group spokesman said the primary concern was the sound level generated by the turbines. Other concerns were shadowing from the blades and the impact on real estate values.

The spokesman, noting that other wind projects in Vinal Haven and Mars Hill prompted complaints from residents after they were built, said more study of the effects of wind power needs to be done before the project proceeds.

The report accompanying the DEP approval noted that the agency's noise consultant reviewed sound information provided on the project application by Patriot's consultant.

The DEP consultant then requested that some of the towers be operated in a "reduced sound power mode" at night to provide a larger safety factor than that proposed by the applicant.

Patriot agreed to the request, and said it would work with DEP in designing a sound-monitoring program.

DEP also said in its approval that a computer modeling study had shown the project "will not unreasonably cause shadow flicker to occur over adjacent properties."

Last March, at Woodstock's annual Town Meeting, residents voted overwhelmingly against a moratorium on wind-power projects.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

My absolute most favorite day of the year is Christmas Eve. All the shipping stress, the indecision of what to get for whom, the hurry and scurry to get it all done is over. It is too late to do anything more.

There is no point in second-guessing if you got the right gifts or if you should get more. There is no point in worrying about the bills that you didn't pay because you spent the money on Christmas. You'll have plenty of time to worry about that in the weeks ahead.

There is no point in feeling badly that you and Santa couldn't fill everything on little Jimmy's wish list; you did the very best that you could. Little Jimmy is still going to be very excited and happy on Christmas morning.

On Christmas Eve it is time to relax and let go of all your anxieties. Enjoy the sights and the sounds of the festive season. Join the children in their giddy anticipation of what the morning will bring. It's Christmas Eve, all is calm, all is bright.

Even as a child I preferred Christmas Eve over Christmas Day, as strange as that may sound. Sure, I loved getting up Christmas morning and running to the living room to see what Santa had left. I loved taking down my Christmas stocking to find the surprises within along with the fruit; always had a lot of fruit.

But, Christmas Eve was one powerful day and night of magic. The whole family was in a good mood and even my brothers and I got along. There seemed to be an unspoken truce on all name-calling, hair pulling, pushing and teasing. A truce that I'm sure my parents appreciated.

During the day it was cookie baking time so we could leave some out for Santa and eat a whole bunch ourselves. It was the one day of the year we were not cautioned about spoiling our appetite for supper.

On Christmas Eve it is time to relax and let go of all your anxieties.

My brothers and I, through mouthfuls of cookies would discuss such profound things as how Santa could get in since we didn't have a fireplace and the chimney led directly to the furnace in the cellar. My oldest brother, being a little more knowledgeable about such things having celebrated a few more Christmases than my other brother and myself, said that since Santa is magic enough to fly in a sleigh with flying reindeer and go all around the world with all those toys he was probably magic enough to just pop in wherever he wanted to.

The big event of Christmas Eve was that we got to open one gift before we hung our stockings and went to bed. Even though my mother always directed us to which gifts to open and they always turned out to be pajamas or slippers, it was still okay. It was the thrill of opening a gift on Christmas Eve that mattered.

This is a tradition that I carried on with my children and now my grandchildren. I think it is just as exciting for them as it was for me. I never advise them on what to open.

Only when I had children of my own did I understand that the promise of opening a present on Christmas Eve took the edge of anticipation off and had a tremendous calming effect on rambunctious children.

As much fun as it was to bake the Christmas cookies and as exciting as it was to hang our stockings and as special as it was to open a present there was something that, at least for me, was so much bigger about Christmas Eve.

It was about Away in a Manger, it was about the enchantment of Christmas magic, it was about peace and love and in my home it is still about all of those things.

I hope that Christmas Eve in your home is as special as it is in mine and the way I see it, I hope all your days are filled with peace and love. Merry Christmas.

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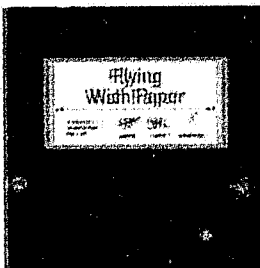


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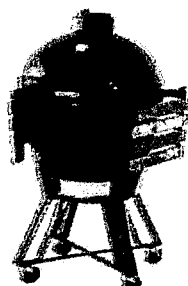


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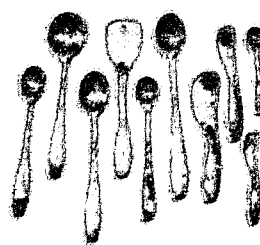


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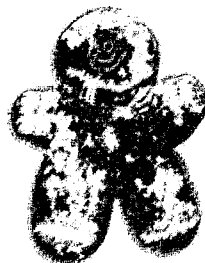


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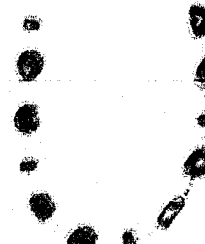


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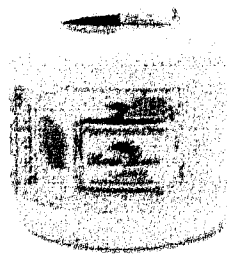
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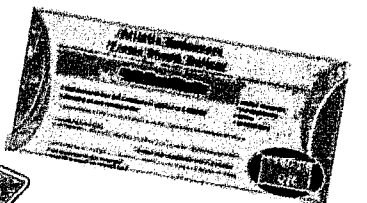
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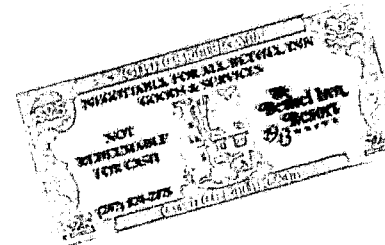


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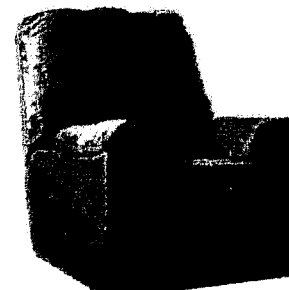


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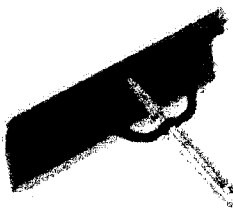


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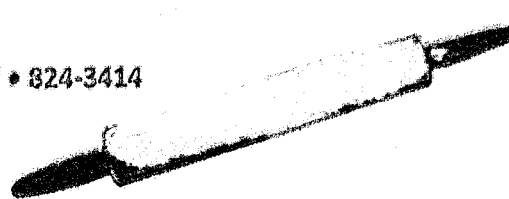


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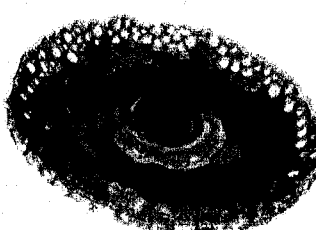


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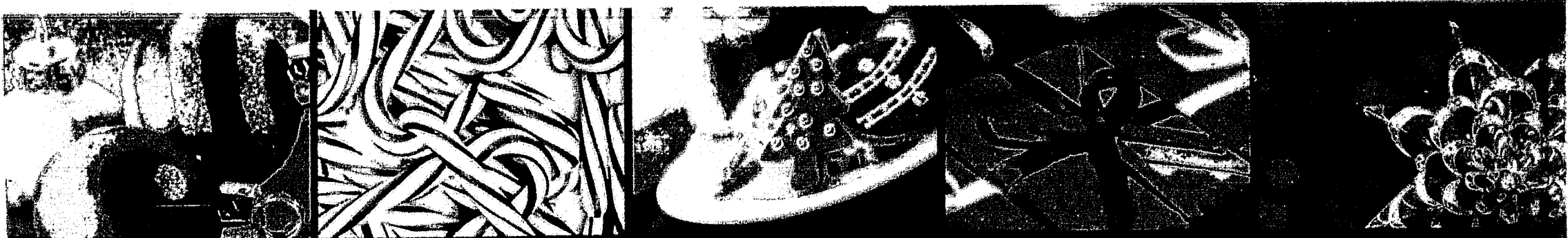
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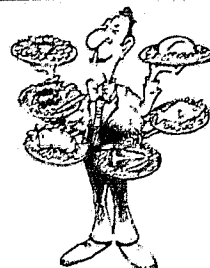
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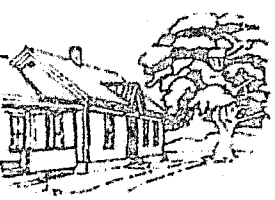
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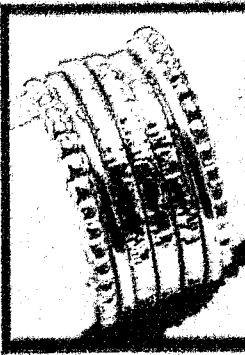
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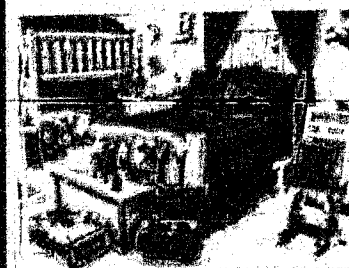
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FAMILY FEATURES

The holiday season has always been a time for celebration, togetherness and most of all, indulgent eating. However, with heart disease as the leading cause of death in the U.S. and about 24 million Americans with diabetes, a healthier take on holiday meals could benefit everyone.

Cheryl Forberg, R.D., consulting dietitian to NBC-TV's "The Biggest Loser," *The New York Times* best-selling author and James Beard award-winning recipe developer, has partnered with CanolaInfo to create a heart-smart, diabetes-friendly holiday recipe collection that allows people to have their cake (or pumpkin flan) and eat it, too.

"A diabetes-friendly diet is really how everyone should eat," Forberg says. "That's because heart disease and type 2 diabetes are largely preventable with a good diet, exercise and other healthy habits. These recipes prove that nutritious is delicious. Now that's something to celebrate during the holidays!"

As a common ingredient in Forberg's six holiday recipes, canola oil delivers on heart health. It has the least saturated fat and most omega-3 fat of all cooking oils and is free of *trans* fat and cholesterol. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a qualified health claim for canola oil on its potential to reduce the risk of heart disease, which affects 65 percent of people with diabetes.

Forberg's diabetes-friendly holiday recipe collection includes these three recipes plus Warm Apple and Cranberry Sauce, Holiday Rapini Sauté and Pumpkin Flan. For the complete collection, go to www.canolainfo.org.

Turkey Roulade

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 2 slices (4 ounces)

- Plastic wrap
- 1/2 boneless, skinless turkey breast, about 1 1/2 pounds
- 1 1/2 cups Cornbread and Dried Fruit dressing
- Kitchen twine
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Place large piece of plastic wrap on countertop. Place turkey breast half on plastic and cover.

Cover with additional plastic wrap. Using meat mallet, pound turkey to

rectangle about 10 x 6 inches, about 1/4-inch thick.

Remove plastic wrap from top of turkey and spread dressing evenly lengthwise over surface, almost to edge. Roll turkey lengthwise. With kitchen twine, tie roulade lengthwise once and in several places across turkey. Discard plastic wrap.

In small bowl, mix together spices. Rub canola oil over all surfaces of roulade; rub spice blend evenly over roulade.

Place roulade in shallow roasting pan, then place in oven. Roast for 45 to 60 minutes or until internal temperature measured with an instant-read thermometer reads 155° F.

Remove roulade from oven and let rest 15 minutes before carefully removing twine and slicing into 16 half-inch slices. Serve with Porcini Mushroom Gravy, Warm Apple and Cranberry Sauce and extra Cornbread and Dried Fruit Dressing.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
Calories 140, Calories from Fat 35, Total Fat 3.5 g, Saturated Fat < 1 g, Cholesterol 65 mg, Sodium 150 mg, Total Carbohydrate 5 g, Fiber 0 g, Sugars 1 g, Protein 22 g

Porcini Mushroom Gravy

Yield: 2 cups (8 servings)
Serving size: 1/4 cup

- 1/2 ounce dried porcini mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons warm water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3/8 cup white whole-wheat flour
- 2 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper or to taste

Soak mushrooms in warm water for 5 minutes.

In 2-quart saucepan, heat canola oil over medium heat. Whisk in flour until blended and continue stirring until roux is lightly browned and develops nutty aroma.

Whisk in broth, optional salt and onion powder. Bring to a gentle boil until just thickened, stirring. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat and season with pepper. Add softened mushrooms and any soaking liquid.

Purée gravy in food processor or food mill. Return mixture to saucepan. Heat just to a simmer.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
Calories 50, Calories from Fat 25, Total Fat 3 g, Saturated Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 115 mg, Total Carbohydrate 5 g, Fiber 2 g, Sugar 0 g, Protein 1 g

Cornbread and Dried Fruit Dressing

Yield: 6 cups (enough for Turkey Roulade and 8 side dish servings)
Serving size: 1/2 cup

- 4 cups cornbread cubes, dried
- 4 ounces lean Italian turkey sausage, casing removed
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup chopped yellow or white onions
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped carrot
- 1 small garlic clove, crushed
- 4 each dried apricots and pitted dried plums, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3/4 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Canola oil cooking spray
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350° F. Place cornbread cubes in large bowl and set aside. In small nonstick skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat, crumbling and stirring until brown and cooked through. Drain well and set aside.

In large nonstick skillet, heat canola oil over medium heat. Stir in onions, celery and carrot; cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute longer, but don't allow garlic to brown. Stir in sausage, apricots, plums, thyme, sage, marjoram and 1/4 cup broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat; pour vegetable mixture over cornbread. Add parsley and stir well. Season with salt and pepper. (Dressing may be prepared to this stage a day ahead and refrigerated, covered.)

Whisk together egg and remaining 3/4 cup broth and pour over cornbread mixture, tossing well. Spray 2-quart baking dish with canola oil cooking spray (use larger baking dish if not reserving dressing for Turkey Roulade) and transfer all but 1 1/2 cups of dressing to baking dish. Cover dish with foil and set aside.

After Turkey Roulade has been in oven 30 minutes, place covered baking dish of dressing in oven. After 15 minutes (or when internal temperature of roulade, measured with instant-read thermometer, is 155° F), remove roulade from oven and remove foil from baking dish with dressing. Continue baking dressing for about 15 minutes or until top begins to brown.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
Calories 100, Calories from Fat 35, Total Fat 3.5 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 30 mg, Sodium 310 mg, Total Carbohydrate 12 g, Fiber 1 g, Sugars 4 g, Protein 3 g

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 14

At 11:46 a.m. a caller reported two tractor trailers driving recklessly on Route 2. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned. Both trucks were observed and monitored and were within posted speed limits.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

At 7:02 a.m. on the West Bethel Road a business owner reported a burglary. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 6:37 p.m. a caller reported receiving information about someone making a threat. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 10:33 p.m. a caller reported an item stolen from a building on the Walkers Mills Road about a week ago. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 6:49 p.m. a caller reported two vehicles racing around a parking lot on Route 26. Sgt. Matt Baker was assigned.

Thursday, Dec. 16

At 8:35 a.m. a report was received of a threat and harassment. Deputy Mike Parshall issued a harassment warning.

At 5:19 p.m. a caller reported religious people on Main Street making residents nervous. Lt. Tom Harriman was assigned.

At 6:12 p.m. a caller reported a male subject in the area of Paradise Road who had approached a female for a ride. Sgt. Matt Baker and Deputy George Cayer were assigned.

At 6:58 p.m. a subject requested the area of Androscoggin Road be checked because of a vehicle that had been on the street a couple of times. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 9:20 p.m. a caller reported he is homeless and needs assistance. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

Friday, Dec. 17

At 6:42 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically on Route 2. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

Saturday, Dec. 18

At 7:50 a.m. a Mayville business reported finding a bag on the floor that appeared to be marijuana. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 2:50 p.m. a report was received of the theft of a purse on the Flat Road. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 8:56 p.m. a caller reported that a vehicle with young people in it had hit the back of his vehicle while he was gassing up on Mayville Road. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Dennis Ryder were assigned.

Sunday, Dec. 19

At 12:58 p.m. a caller on Main Street reported possible drug use in the neighborhood. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 5:18 p.m. a caller reported his dog had been caught in a trap on the Egypt Mountain Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder found a trap line with several traps in violation of fish and game laws. The Warden Service was notified.

At 5:49 p.m. a caller reported neighbors on Main Street were being very loud. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Monday, Dec. 20

At 8:35 p.m. a caller asked to speak to a deputy regarding a theft that had taken place over the weekend on the Flat Road. Deputies George Cayer and Matt Noyes were assigned.



PRESENTATION MONDAY ON SKI HISTORY—Dream Realty and the Ski Museum of Maine will present a "Fireside Chat" slide-show on Maine's skiing heritage from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 at Mill Hill Inn in Bethel. Entitled "Schuss-Boom and Schuss-Bust: Fast-Paced Growth and Face-Plants of Maine Skiing 1945-1991," it includes approximately 120 photos from the Ski Museum of Maine's own collections and more than 40 other sources. The photos will depict the many ski areas, both big and small, that sprung up in Maine in the decades following World War II. The first big success story was Pleasant Mountain, which started with a rope tow in 1938, and grew into Maine's top ski area in the 1950s. Skiing in Maine and America enjoyed an unprecedented period of growth, popularity and prosperity in the decades following World War II. Equipment improved, ski schools flourished and vast numbers of new enthusiasts took up the sport between the late 1940s and the mid-1970s. Dozens of new ski areas were started during these decades. Most of these were local ski hills with a few hundred vertical feet and a rope tow. But a few, such as Mount Abram, Black Mountain, Shawnee Peak, Sunday River and Sugarloaf, evolved into significant skiing destinations that continue to flourish. The slideshow also depicts the advance of the winter lifestyle and the growth of A-frame villages and chalet colonies as the skiing paradigm evolved from one-day outings for a handful of adventurous daredevils to weekend and multi-day vacations for family and friends. The narrator will be Scott Andrews, the ski museum's curator and research director, who assembled the photos and wrote the narrative. Andrews has been an outdoors writer for the past 24 years. "Schuss-Boom and Schuss-Bust: Fast-Paced Growth and Face-Plants of Maine Skiing 1945-1991" was created with support from the Ski Maine Association and the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club. Audience members are invited to bring their own photos, mementos and memories to share.

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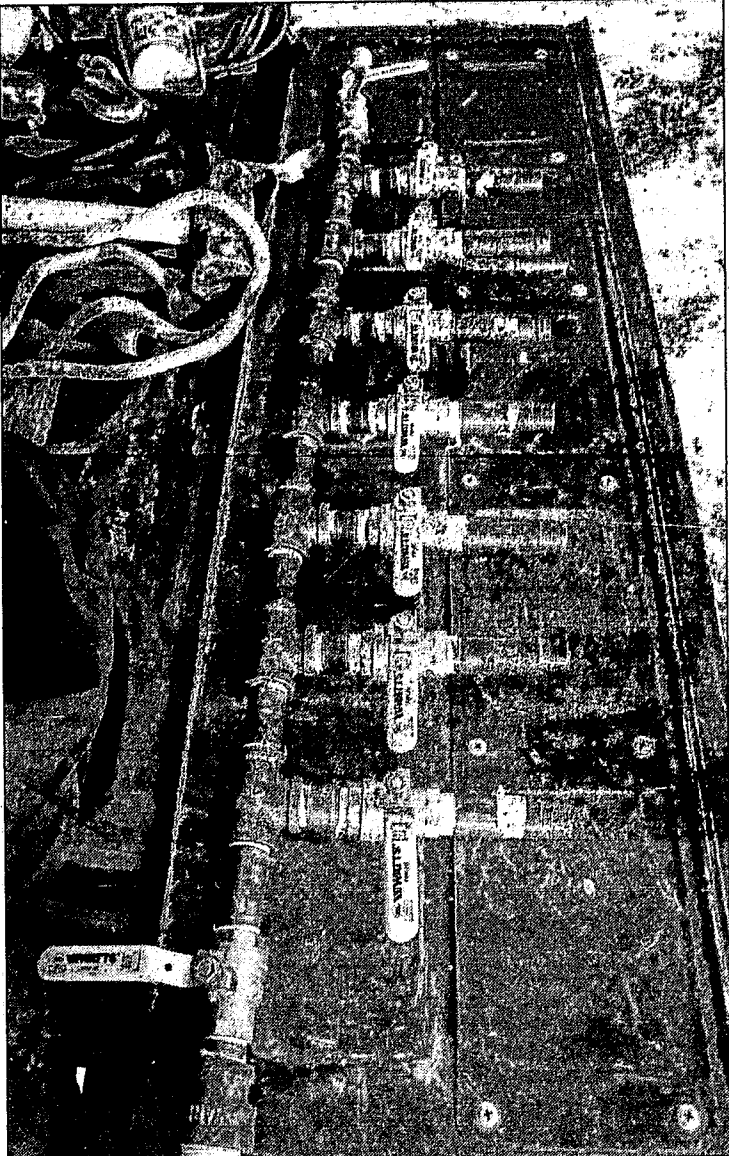
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Bethel

By Nancy Brown
Merry Christmas!
A large crowd attended the Living Nativity on the Bethel Common on Sunday, Dec. 19. It was cold but clear weather with an almost-full moon shining directly over the sta-

ble. The Living Nativity was first performed on the Bethel Common in December 1963. The last performance I attended before this week was in the late 1960s.

This performance was much more joyful than the ones I remember from my childhood. A live choir sang from the bandstand.

The live animals (goats and a donkey) and local actors put on a memorable performance. If you missed this performance, definitely put this on your holiday calendar for next year.

While you are preparing your holiday meals, you can help the children at Crescent Park School by saving Campbells Labels and Box Tops for Education. The labels and box tops appear on a wide variety of products.

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The Bethel Historical Society's New Year's Eve celebration will take place Friday, Dec. 31, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Moses Mason House. It will include a potluck supper, drag-on parade for children around the Common, marshmallow toasting, performances by the Senior Players, and a sing-along with Lynn Arizzi at the piano.

The events are free, but donations will be accepted.

The Bethel Library will be closed for the holidays on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2011.

Muriel Butters has returned home following a California trip where she visited with her sons Timothy Brooks and Tony Butters and their families.

Many area residents who have gone to warmer climates for the winter months depend upon The Citizen to keep in touch with local news while they are gone.

If you have family or community news that you would like to share in the column, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By Lorrie Hoeh
Jake and I walked through the woods Monday morning, after having crossed through a neighbor's field. In the field we saw countless animal tracks, including deer, coyote, partridge, turkey, squirrel, and hare. The array of spoor continued as we connected with the ski trails in the woods. I noticed an interesting thing; often one sees a solitary trail of tracks, whether it be of mouse, squirrel, or any of the above. But every once in a while, there is a veritable highway of tracks, as if whole gangs of whatever had converged and made their way to some gathering of their kind.

That particular morning we saw a highway of mouse tracks, as well as one of turkeys, and another of coyotes. One can only speculate, because the critters do their roving when we humans are not around to see. It's nice to know that we are surrounded by so much wildlife, which I interpret as a positive sign.

You may have noticed that the sign is gone from Sun-

day River Alpacas on the Flat Road, not to mention that the animals have left as well. I talked with Mo Libby recently, and she wants to assure everyone that the pacas and the Great Pyrennes, Barker and Aurora, have all gone to good homes and are thriving.

Mo adds that she is doing well as she starts a new chapter in life with her shop on Main Street in Bethel, where Spirit Wings used to be, in the former Preb's building. She sells alpaca goods imported from Peru, roving and yarn, as well as some hand-knit and crocheted items produced by local artisans. Shop hours are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m., or by appointment if you call Mo at 890-3148. Take it from me, this is a great place to do some last-minute Christmas shopping, whether it be stocking stuffers, or some very special alpaca garment for that very special person.

On my Monday morning walk I was musing about the holiday season. Many, if not most, of the world's religions have creation stories and messianic beliefs, which are often celebrated around this time of year. I think that most of these religions (unless grossly misinterpreted) also have the same message of "love your neighbor as yourself," and peace on earth, good will towards humankind. Sometimes this message gets

overwhelmed by all the seasonal hype and frantic push to spend, spend, spend. Let's all pray for the demise of greed, avarice, hatred, and intolerance, and for the flowering of love and good will, tolerance, and acceptance. Whatever your beliefs, please have a happy holiday season with your families and loved ones.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman
Christmas will be here this weekend. Merry Christmas to all!

The Rec Committee was all set to hold the 2nd Annual Christmas in Gilead Pot Luck Supper at Bog Brook Training Facility when a problem arose. They had to change from Bog Brook to the Town Hall. The fire was started to warm up the hall and the people began to arrive for a fun evening. There were about 30 people who attended, including children. Santa arrived before the evening was over.

My brother, Steve McLain, decided to decorate a tree in his front yard. We noticed that the lights looked very pretty when we came home Sunday evening.

Lise McLain was at Led-geview this past week visit-

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RUMFORD MILL EMPLOYEES FILL HOLIDAY STOCKINGS
NewPage Rumford mill employees filled Christmas stockings for children ages 5 – 18 this year with all donations coming directly from the employees. "We had hoped to fill 32 stockings, all hand knit by employee Darlene Eastman, however, before the month-long campaign kicked off in November, all were adopted. By Nov. 30 employees had adopted, and filled, 116 stockings, enabling us to branch our giving to additional programs like Christmas for Children sponsored by the Bethel Rotary. Stockings for children up to age 12 were also shared with Andover, Peru, Mexico, Rumford, Dixfield, Carthage, Hanover, Milton Plantation through Santa's Helpers and the Andover Congregational Church. Mtn. Valley High School and Dirigo High School employees helped to deliver stockings to over 30 teenagers," said Sue Mills, Worthy of Wishes coordinator. Here, representatives deliver 32 stockings to David Murphy (center) for distribution through the Bethel Rotary's Christmas for Children annual campaign. Pictured are, from left: Sharon McKellar, Sue Mills, Darlene Eastman, Bob Daigle, Linda Deane, Mike Ronan, Stacey Virgin, Blue Keim, and Bill Hobson. Mills also said that in 2010, "employees filled 65 baskets with food for Christmas dinner that were delivered to food pantries within the same service area this year, and filling stockings allowed us to continue to give to the families in need we helped last year, in a fun way that targeted the children, while also helping the parents."

ing her father, Gerard Dupont.
Hugh and I spent last Saturday in Gorham with two of the grandchildren, Ajay and Sidney. We worked on making Christmas cards and decorations.

Hugh and I decided that we needed to finish up our Christmas shopping, so last Sunday we headed out. We went to Norway by way of Bridgton and Waterford. Along the way we stopped to visit with Perry and Happy Chapman in Waterford. We picked up the beautiful quilt that Hugh won recently.

During our travels we ran into a few people that we knew: Arlynn Hale and her daughter, Ginny Walker and Shirley Merrill. Ginny has remarried and I am sorry, but I did not get her married name.

Gilead Historical Society
The latest report as of to-

day (Sunday), the railroad station is getting ready to make the trip from Auburn back to Gilead. The movers have been there working on removing the roof and loading the building on to a truck.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Andover

By Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends.

Just a reminder that both the Library and the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, Christmas Day. The transfer station will be open next Saturday, New Year's Day though.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Gordon Justard, who died on Dec. 7. Gordon was married to Virginia (Merrill) Justard. Fu-

neral services were held on Dec. 11 at SG Thibault Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jane Rich officiating.

Sympathy is also extended to Victor and Hope Peterson, for the loss of Hope's father, who passed away in Massachusetts on Monday. Hope has been spending the past year tending to her dad at his home.

Birthday celebration this holiday week: Megan Chaisson on Monday, the 27th.

School is on break until Monday Jan. 3.

"and they wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger" Merry Christmas!

Upton

By Laurie Brown

Forty plus folks gathered in South Upton on Saturday for the Brown's annual Christmas

party/auction. It was great fun and good food. Steve and Deb Furlong from Standish, and their daughter, Andrea, from Los Angeles, left their car at Joe's and Penny's and walked up. Just past Bernier's, at 2 in the afternoon, a coyote sat on a little knoll and watched them walk by. The Furlongs accepted the offer of a ride to their car when they left at dusk. There are too many coyotes around here at all times of the day and night. We have coyote tracks all around our house and into our driveway.

For us, one of the greatest parts of the day was introducing our new daughter-in-law, Amy Bergeron, to friends and family. On Sunday, we had all three of the kids and their spouses (in Ben's case, his girlfriend) home for our family Christmas. We got lots of coal for Christmas! Ahhh... Upton's snow has re-

turned in time for Christmas.

The Ladies Aid Association members have made preliminary plans and set dates for the annual sliding/skating party and an Italian supper in February. In March, Krys Bernier will be chairperson of a carnival. That activity is a first for the group and we're all excited about it. More info later.

Have you been to the Upton House for their socializing and coffee time yet? It's a welcome addition to this little town, having such a gathering place - similar to the chairs and stools that used to be gathered around the wood stoves in the general store.

According to The Yankee Trivia Book by Pete Farrow, the word "Yankee" came from the Indians' attempt to pronounce anglais, the French word for English. One Abenaki Indian said it meant "rude stinker." Its use as a suffix for "damned" is confined to Southerners and overcharged

summer complaints.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Selah

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

The Joy of the Season continues on. It truly is a special time of the year.

Esther Wilson's Christmas gathering was a great success with around 50 members attending. Jackie traveled the greatest distance, coming from Mariaville, Maine. For all the kids they had games and prizes.

Then on Sunday Jackie and Esther went to Peter Bean's for a ham dinner.

Arlene Harrington hosted her family Christmas gathering on Saturday, the 18th, also. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith

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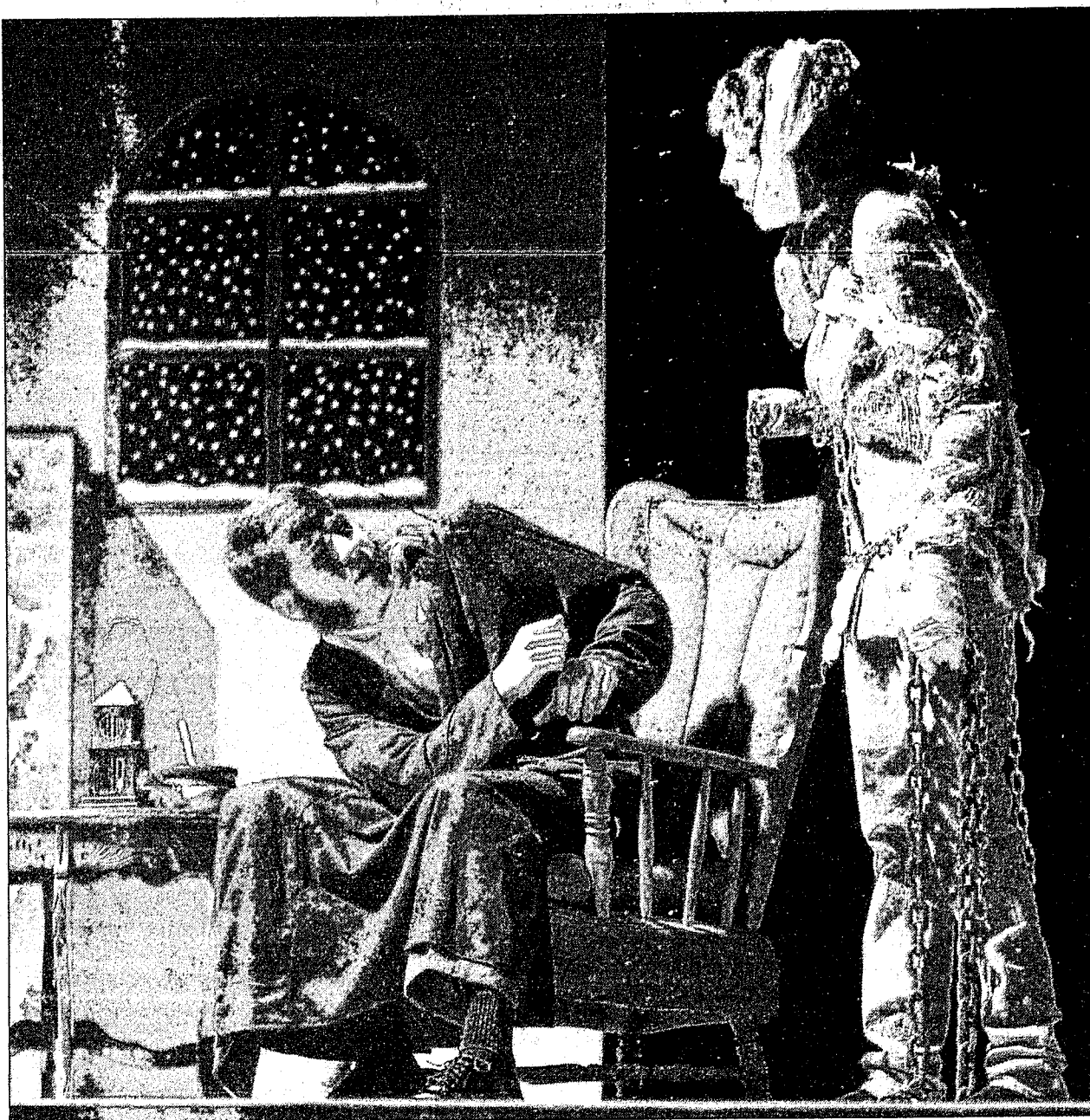
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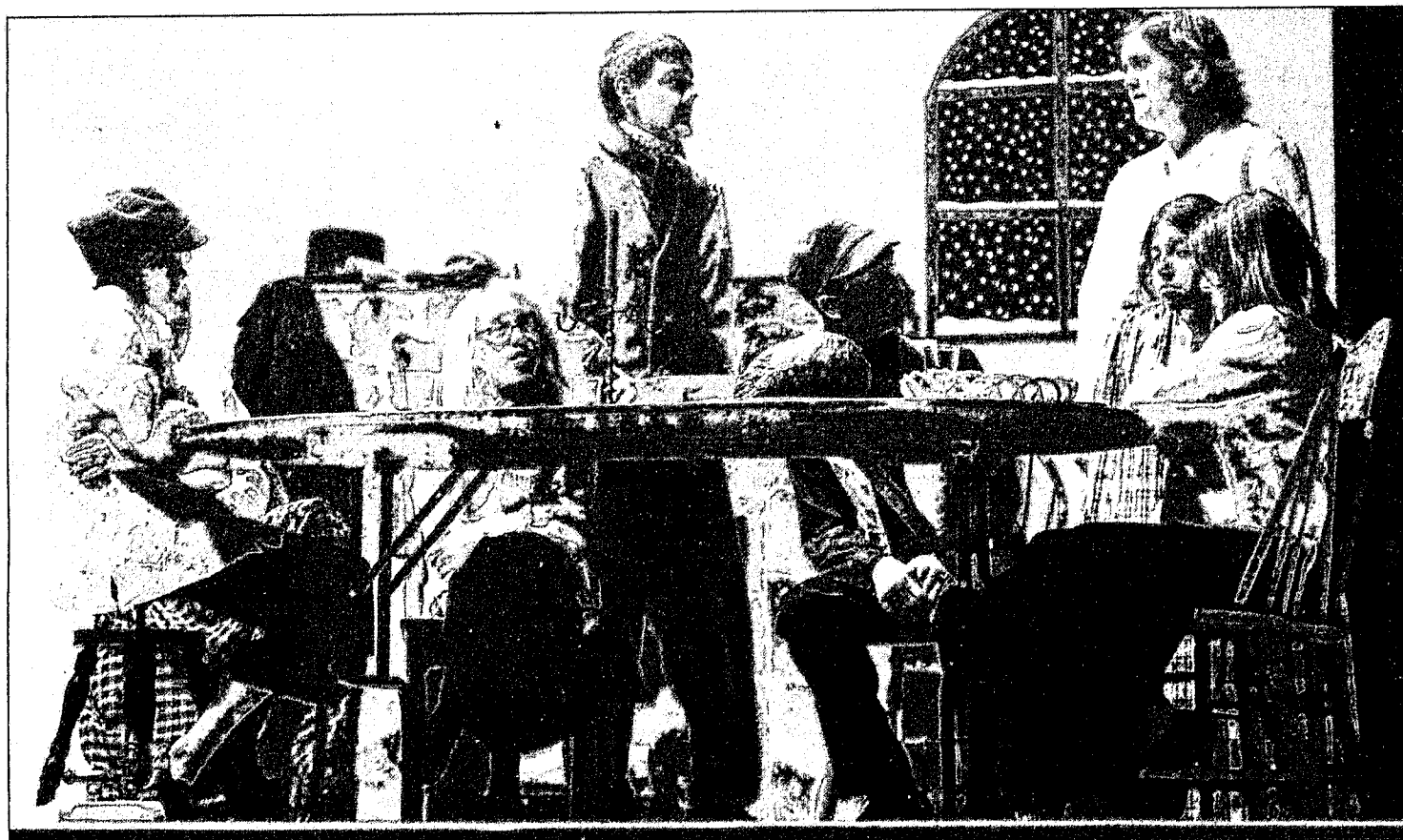
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Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"



The Telstar High School Theater Department last week presented Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Clockwise, from top: Dickens (Matthew Keane) narrates the story; Scrooge (Trent Bonney) meets the ghost of Jacob Marley (Dylan Coolidge); the Bob Cratchit family (with Allie Turnick as Tiny Tim and Dusty Bailey as Bob); Scrooge, with the Ghost of Christmas Past (Ciara Nadeau), calls out to his boyhood friends; Scrooge surprises Cratchit by telling him he will give him a raise; businessmen (Tom Coolidge, Charlie Raymond and Dan Hart) discuss the "death" of Scrooge as the Ghost of Christmas Future (Samantha Tibbetts) and Scrooge look on in the background; Scrooge's nephew Fred (Josh Bellinger).



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of Surrey, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean of Bethel, Gloria Crockett of Bethel, Aaron and Robert Crockett of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller of Locke Mills, Don and Whitney Hallman of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merrill of Andover, Katie and Taylor Merrill of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wardwell of Oxford, Meagan Wardwell and a friend of Oxford, and last but not least Josh Wardwell of Oxford. Paul and Charlotte Kimball attended the gathering at Esther's and also one at Butch and Ann Crockett's. We also need to extend some belated birthday greetings. On Dec. 18 Eva Coolidge celebrated her 80th birthday! A couple of days prior, my daughter Samantha had her birthday also. Happy Birthday!

This week it is also time for the answer to the Trivia. It was the Osgoods who ran a shingle mill on the lot opposite Gunthers. The business died out as fire-proof roofing replaced the combustible variety.

I hope to hear more news about all the family gatherings.



A LADDER TRUCK FOR WOODSTOCK recently purchased this 1985 ladder truck from Dixfield for \$2,100. It was used the next day to fight a chimney fire.

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Did you know that in Germany Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve and it is the Christmas Angel who brings the presents? There Santa already made his rounds Dec. 6 with the stocking stuffers. Merry Christmas!

Hanover

By Clem Worcester

It was really smart -- in other words -- bright as a burnt out light bulb. My granddaughter was to be in a Christmas concert at school. Other years scheduling prevented me from going. This year I planned it to be able to attend. Donna and I traveled to the school, went

inside and sat down only to find out we were there a day early. I'll keep my calendar open for next year!

Rumford Grange 115 recently made several donations as part of their community service program. Last week Grange Secretary Donna Worcester delivered hand-knit preemie hats, booties and sweaters to the Special Delivery Department at Rumford Hospital. RN

Amanda Tozier accepted the items that were made by Grange members and other volunteer friends. During the past year Rumford Grange had set out penny collection jars that produced \$56, and Rumford Grange donated it to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland.

The Hanover Selectmen's meeting was Dec. 18. The Board entered into an agreement to rent the second

floor apartment. Discussed were properties on South Shore Road as to historic information.

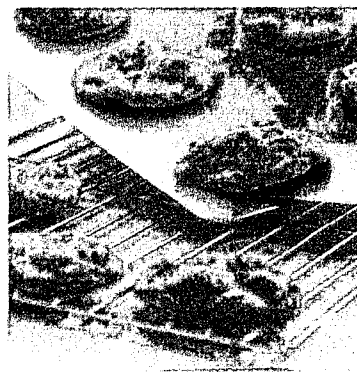
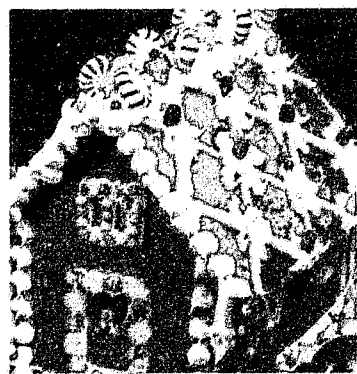
The Board talked about scheduling during long-term absences of various selectmen. They also heard reports from Bob Fortin relative to solid waste disposal, and Town Clerk Clem Worcester reported on early property tax payments.

The holiday schedule at the Hanover Town Office is: closed all day Friday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve and closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. The Town Office will be open until noon on Dec. 31 to provide for last-minute property tax payments before the end of the year.

Remember, dog licenses are due the last day of December. A \$25 late fee will start after Jan. 31, 2011. If you are planning to go hunting or fishing on New Year's Day, you will need a 2011 hunting/fishing license.

Schools are closed for the holidays. Children are out running around so drive carefully.

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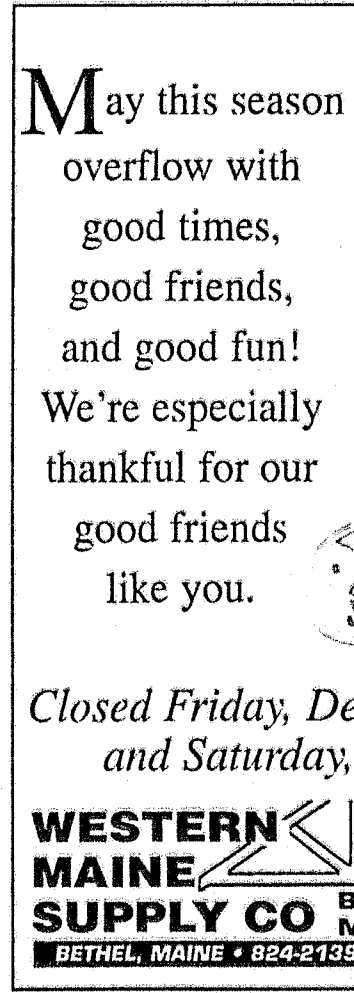
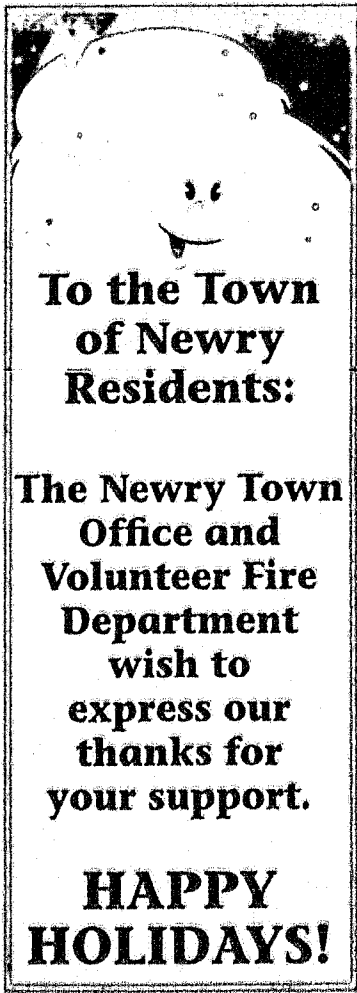
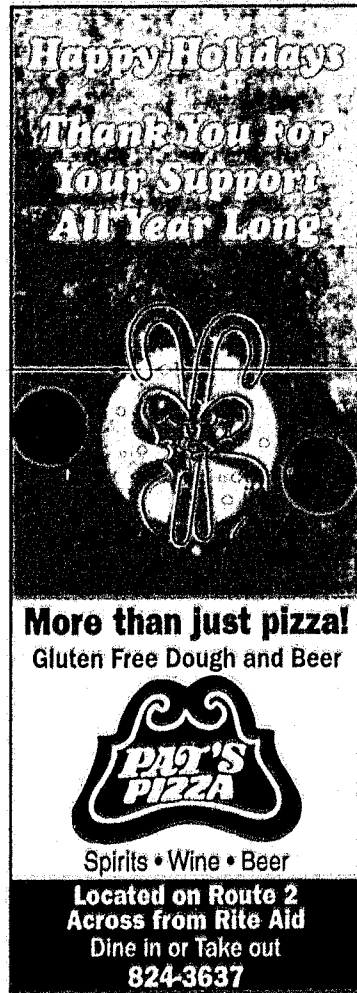
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By Seneca Corriveau

Hi, hi, hello, hello and Happy Holidays too! Have you gotten all of your Christmas shopping done yet? I hope so, time is slowly ticking away, it's nearly here. I am ready for it this year, recession or not.

It's the joy and the excitement of spending time with my family that has me so excited. I have to admit that I did start out a bit Grinchy but soon shaved off the green and donned a new attitude, one of giving, not receiving. I want to give my children not material things but memories, and good ones too! One of my main objectives is to do at least one of the things that we "plan to do" but usually never do -- and the winner is Gingerbread houses, or maybe frosting cookies for Santa. OK so this is obviously a challenge for me but only time will tell.

On Sunday we loaded up the truck with kids and the car with children and headed to Bethel for the Living Nativity. Kaiya was an angel, I was a shepherd and Praedin and Kessie were sheep, at least that's what they were commonly mistaken for, rather than goats.

The weather was very welcoming this year versus last year with the rain and wet. Afterward all children were invited to the Nazarene Church for cocoa and to decorate cookies. I wish to extend a big "Thank you!" to the Church and everyone who helped out.

They really went all out baking cookies in preparation for the evening and they were rather yummy, too! I've always wanted to do "something" after the Nativity, to sort of wrap up the evening, so cocoa and cookies were a welcomed event. Blessings to you and yours this Holiday Season!



THE LIVING NATIVITY took place on the Bethel Common Sunday evening. At far left in the photo is Sue Farrar, who originated the event decades ago.

(Photo: A. Aloisia)

Mason

By Richard Grover

One day last week my tractor had a flat tire, so I just took one chainsaw to clear some brush out of one of my twitch roads while waiting for my tire repair. It was a cool, but not too cold day, but the front of both pants legs felt cold just above the knees. Strange. Must be a breeze coming up the pants legs because I don't have long underwear on. Then while sawing on a dead tree, I noticed that the chainsaw gas tank cover was hanging by the chain! Then I could smell the gas on the pants. Good thing I don't smoke!

The West Bethel Union

Church had its annual children's Christmas pageant during the "Children's Moment." It went very well with Joseph, Mary, the baby Jesus, a couple angels and some shepherds in their places on the altar.

Lydia Grover read from the scriptures while the children assumed their places. It was a very nice, typical pageant up to the point where Lydia read about the angel telling the shepherds in the fields about the miracle in the manger.

Right on cue, as Lydia read, "and the shepherds fell on their knees because they were so afraid," little 2-year-old Brandon Michael Hopper stepped back and fell off the first step of the altar and landed on his back -- unhurt! The entire congregation was heard

stifling snickers and guffaws!

West Paris

By Joyce Lamb

Snow came and went all week. Now there is only a bit left in the shady areas.

The Christmas lights next door are blinking and bright. Huge lighted candy canes and balls decorate the small tree next to the road. In the evenings cars stop to observe the beautiful display.

At the West Paris Universalist Church the candlelight and carol service will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 24. All are welcome.

There will be no church service on Sunday, Dec. 26.

Ruth Hazelton has returned home after being in Lisbon at her son's home taking care of their dog while he and his wife and daughter Amanda were at Disney Land to celebrate Amanda's Birthday. All went well and all had a good time.

Becky Chase entertained her parents, Randy and Wendy Chase, and Grandmother Dede Chase at her new home in North Paris. A Christmas dinner was enjoyed and Christmas presents opened.

On Thursday I was at the airport to get daughter Wendy Lamb, who had come from Oakland, Ore., to be with the family for Christmas and to be with her mother after she receives her new shoulder. Then we spent the night with

granddaughter and her husband in their new house in South Portland. Great-grandchildren Emily Hyssong of South Portland and Sophia Hartley of Auburn returned with us for the weekend. Jude Lamb from Lamoine joined us also.

On Sunday my three granddaughters, Kelly Hartley, Nina Hyssong, and Kyrle Fleaharty with their seven, my great-grandchildren, were all here for decorating their Christmas cookies, which is a yearly tradition. All had an exciting afternoon and went home happily with their finished products.

All is about ready for the big day so we can all relax. I will be in Auburn with most of my big family.

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Muffin is relaxing here on my desk now that the noisy crowd has left. She spent the afternoon under the bed. She likes adults but hides on small children.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

Another snow squall with whiteout conditions hit Monday evening. When it began I was in Norway for a meeting. Riding home, down Route 118 the snow went from bad to near white-out to complete white-out. We could see nothing. Lisa was driving because I of course could see nothing because it was dark, but she did great and I managed not to have a complete melt down. I was not prepared for those conditions. Traffic moved at a snail's pace. No one was pacing, no one was in a hurry. One could see the road or be sure what side we were on. We could only follow in faint tracks from a previous vehicle. Thank you Lisa for steering us to Just Rite Acres. Shortly after I arrived home, the snow stopped.

I guess we might have a white Christmas after all. I will go out after I type this and check it out. I will put on my crampons just to be sure and see if the Tasha dog wants to walk.

Tonight, Monday, I hope the sky will clear enough to see the Lunar Eclipse. It is Solstice, also, the shortest day of the year. Winter has begun and it entered like a lion as winter should.

This Thursday, the 23rd, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It is a step workbook meeting and they are working on the 4th step. FMI please call 739-9115.

Saturday of course is Christmas Day. Dave and I have it off because the Bethel Transfer Station is closed for Christmas. Hope all have a wonderful day. See you the following week.

I want to thank The Citizen for reprinting the Legend of Studie Cross. It was great to



A VISIT TO THE LEGISLATURE—Fourth grade students from Crescent Park Elementary School gather at the rostrum in the House Chamber on December 16. The students are learning Maine history under teachers Lisa Haines and Kasey Jerome. Earlier that day, they toured the Blaine House, the governor's mansion, which is decorated for the Christmas season. After leaving the State House, the class toured the Maine State Museum, which is part of the State House complex. Pictured with the students are Rep. Jarrod Crockett, of Bethel (beneath the American flag), and Sen. John Patrick, of Rumford (beneath the Maine flag), the local legislators who escorted the class during their State House tour.

(Photo: Melissa Lacroix)

read it, again. Studie was an exceptional man. Taught us all a lot about possibilities and making lemonade when life hands us lemons.

Last Saturday, David and I actually went out at night. We went to hear Sammy Chapman play at Tuckers. He was great and that is a nice, mellow place to enjoy music.

That is all for this holiday week. Have a very Merry Christmas and please, drive carefully. These changing weather conditions are dangerous for us all.

Albany

By Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. It looks like we may just have a white Christmas after all. If the snow we've been getting sticks around, that is. It was rather nice having warmer temps over the weekend, but some snow would be nice, too. Recently I've been saying that nothing ever happens here

in Albany, it's so quiet. I like that it's quiet, especially after this weekend. Apparently, there was a car crash and the subject took off. So, we have the Oxford Sheriff's Department scouring the neighborhood Saturday night. It was a bit disconcerting to say the least. They had all kinds of cars and dogs and lights going, checking folks' driveways and yards. We don't know if they caught him, but they were certainly busy trying to do so.

Christmas is this Saturday. We hope that everyone out there has a wonderful day with family and friends. Things are tight, still, and most likely will be for a while. We find ourselves not being able to do as we wanted to, but fortunately, the boys are happy to know that, regardless of how many gifts are waiting for them on Saturday, it's a Family Day, so we'll be spending time together. We hope that, regardless of how many gifts are under the tree, everyone out there finds their Christmas Day to be joyous,

filled with love and the hope that the season is meant to convey.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. Prayers for a happy Christmas Day. God Bless and Keep.

Locke Mills

By Lorraine Larson

Between the computer and myself being under the weather, so to speak, I haven't gotten any news up for a bit. Also everyone seems to be pretty busy this time of year and I haven't caught up with them.

Anyhow, I celebrated my 78th birthday on Dec. 7. Since it was on Tuesday Debbie Brown had a little surprise celebration for me before cantata practice which was nice. I also got a lot of cards and calls during the day.

The weather has been quite a topic of discussion lately. It always is up to a point but with the cold and snow plunging into the southeast everyone is

marveling at the fact that we have had it pretty easy here. I was amused to listen to one of the major broadcasters say with some forcefulness that it actually had been colder in Maine than it was in Florida. I figured that he had said it wrong but I said "What else is new?" A few minutes later he apologized and said he meant to say it was colder in Florida than in Maine. But by that time the news item had sorta lost its punch!

Marcia said that in Aroostook County, they got all rain right after we did, which surprised them some since the forecast had been for a heavy snowstorm. They have had a few inches since, as have we, but no major storm yet.

Christmas is supposed to be the season of miracles so it is nice when we actually see one even if it is small. We had our Christmas party and cantata at Praise Assembly, Sunday evening. Now, I had been to almost every practice even though I don't sing, as I usually have a Scripture

or something and also I am Debbie Brown's ears at the back of the church since she is up front and cannot hear how it sounds up back. This cantata music was a bit more difficult than some we have tried and, although at every practice there was improvement, we rather thought that we would have to use the standard excuse of "we are only required to make a joyful noise unto the Lord" because no one could seem to get it right except for a couple soloists. So, as I sat there Sunday night, I am beginning to realize that with each passing song it was actually sounding just as it should and with the final "Gloria" I was ready to give them a standing ovation. When Debbie came back to sit down she whispered to me, "I think we have just witnessed a miracle." I whispered back that if I were only able I would do a hallelujah dance with her around the church! Anyhow, small, and maybe not so small, miracles gratefully received can do a lot to brighten up the season.

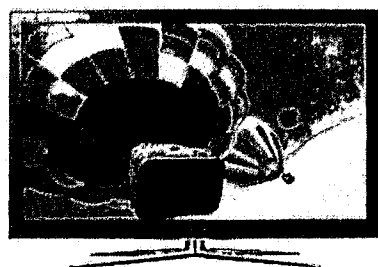
I am afraid it does not look very Christmasy around my house. One never knows how decisions made during the year might impact the Christmas season, but I found out this year. During the spring I had acquired a sleep sofa for my living room, which helped out a lot when Marcia came for two weeks and when Ralph had to stay over when I have been ill. But as I looked around this Christmas season at the rearranging I had had to do I realized there was no place to put the Nativity figurines or the Christmas tree, at least not in the living room. In fact, the only place I can put them is in the laundry room where I have the top of a big bureau I can use. So far I have not decided that it is worth the effort of getting them unpacked and set up but that may change as the day approaches and I may be doing it at the last moment, as I have done in the past. But in the meantime everyone out there have a good time shopping and thinking about the reason for the season. God bless.

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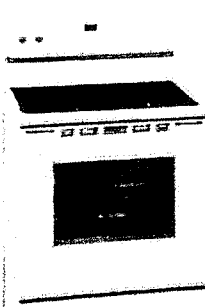
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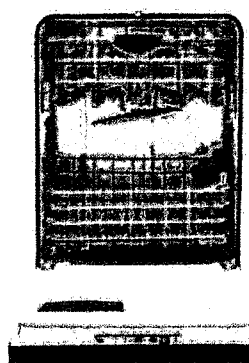


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Christmas Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational Church (Church St., Bethel). Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Christmas Eve family service with bells, carols and acting out of the Christmas story; 7 p.m. candlelight service of lessons and carols. Dec. 26: 10 a.m. service with favorite carols and hymns.

Bethel United Methodist Church (79 Main Street). Dec. 24: 4 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Bethel Alliance Church (251 Walker's Mills Road.) Dec. 24: 7 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at joint service with Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

West Paris

West Paris Universalist. Dec. 24: 6 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service.

New books at Bethel Library

The Bethel Library will be closed for the holidays on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2011.

The library has recently added these new books to their collection.

Adult Fiction: "The Emperor's Tomb" by Steve Berry, "Rescue" by Anita Shreve, "Dead or Alive" by Tom Clancy, "Driving on the Rim" by Thomas McGuane, "Edge" by Jeffery Deaver, "Great House" by Nicole Krauss, "Hell's Corner" by David Baldacci, "The Lotus Eaters" by Tatjana Soli, "Playing the Game" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "A Secret Kept" by Tatiana de Rosnay, "The Track of Sand" by Andrea Camilleri, "Blood Count" by Reggie Nadelson, "Chasing the Night" by Iris Johansen, "Crescent Dawn" by Clive Cussler, "Distant Hours" by Kate Morton, "In the Company of Others" by Jan Karon, "Keeping Time" by Stacey McGlynn, "Our Kind of Traitor" by John le Carré, "Warlord" by Ted Bell, "The Welsh Girl" by Peter Ho Davies, and "Worth Dying For" by Lee Child.

Adult Non-Fiction: "War" by Sebastian Junger, "The Nightingale's Song" by Robert Timberg, "My Reading Life" by Pat Conroy, "Doomsday and the Art of G. B. Trudeau" by Brian Walker, and "Earth"

Master Gardener class at Cooperative Extension

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is once again offering the very popular Master Gardener Volunteer training in 2011.

"The Master Gardener course is a fun way for gardeners to learn the science of gardening and then use that knowledge to grow and donate food to the community," says Barbara Murphy, Extension Educator and coordinator of the training.

The training will focus on ornamental horticulture - landscape design, trees and shrubs, annuals and perennials as well as botany, soil science and pest management. The course will be offered at the Extension office on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9 p.m. starting Feb. 3. Class size is limited. For an application, please call the Extension office at (800) 287-1482 or 743-6329.

by Jon Stewart. Junior and Easy Reader: "Mockingbird" by Kathryn Erskine, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth" by Jeff Kinney, "Big Red Lollipop" by Rukhsana Khan, "Ernest the Moose Who Doesn't Fit" by Catherine Rayner, "Ship Breaker" by Paolo Bacigalupi, and "Dark Water" by Laura McNeal.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS—Children from the Mahosuc Kids Association sang Christmas carols outside the Post Office on Main Street in Bethel Tuesday afternoon. The kids also gave out handmade ornaments to passersby. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Workshops at MEOC

The Maine Educational Opportunity Center will be hosting free workshops entitled Essentials of College Planning at the following times and locations: South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street on Monday, Jan. 3 and 24 at 10 a.m.; Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. To register or for more information, call (800) 281-3703 or visit us on the Web at <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Who We Are - MEOC is funded entirely by the U.S. Department of Education. The program helps qualified adults make the transition toward a college education. MEOC, which is housed at the University of Maine, provides assistance to adults living in Maine and helps them go to whichever college or university they choose.

Services Provided - (All MEOC services are free.) GED/SAT Preparation, College Planning, Referrals/Advocacy, Career Advising, Financial Aid Advising, College Admissions Process, Application Fee Waivers for Qualified Adults.

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Participate - The starting point for all MEOC participants is The Essentials of College Planning, a free interactive workshop that outlines the four steps in the college process: admissions, financial aid, career planning, and study skills. The workshop lasts approximately two to three hours. Pre-registration is required. All workshops are subject to change. For more information or to register, call (800) 281-3703.

WMNF seeks input

The White Mountain National Forest will soon begin seeking public input for a proposed project at the Glen Ellis Falls Day Use Area along Route 16 in Pinkham Notch, N.H. This project proposes to make many improvements to the area while retaining the important cultural features and natural beauty that make Glen Ellis Falls special to so many people.

The scoping document for this project is available at the Androscoggin Ranger District in Gorham, N.H., or on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/whitemountain/projects/projects/index.php

For more information, contact Tom Moore at the Androscoggin Ranger District at (603) 466-2713.

Honor roll

Andover Elementary School

The following pupils have been named to the Andover Elementary School Honor

Roll for the first quarter of school year 2010-2011:

High Honors: Megan Chaisson, Jacob Rainey. Honors: Jacob Bachellor,

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 50, Lisbon 35; Dec. 16— Telstar stats: Dan Vaughn 15 points, Danny Whitney 12, Ben Field 11, Elek Pew 11. Record: 3-0.

Telstar 52, Livermore 50; Dec. 20— Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 15 points, Corey Howard 13 points 10 rebounds, Ben Field 11 points. Record: 4-0.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Livermore 51 Telstar 38; Dec. 20— Stats: Lucas Bellancau 10 points, Dominic Haines 10 points, Nick Mills 8 points

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Lisbon 59, Telstar 27; Dec. 16—The Rebels showed improvement on both ends of the court, playing hard and scrapping for many loose balls. Emma Davis led the team with 10 points, including two three pointers, Nicena Walker and Maisey Griffin each chipped in 6 points. Cheyanne Day ripped down 9 boards, and Casey Blaszcak played good defense. It was a total team effort by all 10 girls suited up for this game. I am proud of their improvement and hustle.— Coach Mark Kenney

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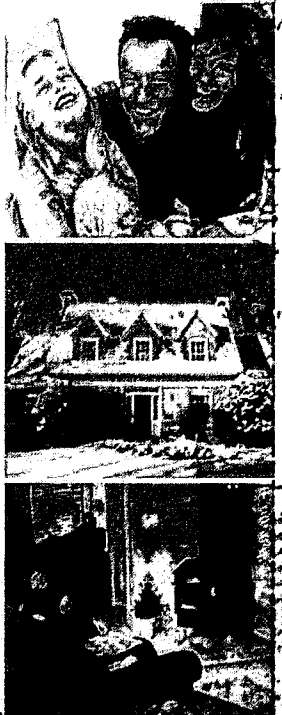
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Obituaries

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ish heritage and was an active member of the Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine, where he co-chaired many public suppers with his wife, Ina, and had served as a director. Oiva also enjoyed singing. He entertained both family and staff at Market Square with sound, both Finnish and American. Among his survivors is his widow, Ina, to whom he was married for 62 years; his daughter, Linda Andrews; daughters-in-law, Marilee Nurmi and Jolene Feeley; sisters, Martha Flanigan and Barbara Payne; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his cat, Wilbur. He was predeceased by sons, James Bonney and Tom Nurmi; brothers, John, Olavi, William, Eugene, Edwin, Taisto and Robert; and sisters, Irene Kimball, Selma Mills and Elsie Wade. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring. Donations in Oive's memory may be made to the Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine, PO Box 294, West Paris, ME 04289. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com



KEITH B. BARTLETT

Keith B. Bartlett, Sr., a lifelong resident of Bethel passed away during the evening of Dec. 21, 2010 after an extended fight against lung cancer. Keith loved the outdoors and found some of his happiest moments in life fishing, hunting and watching his children and grandchildren play sports and enjoy their lives. He was fortunate enough, and very proud, to be married to his true love and his best friend Suzanne in Oct. 16, 1960. Together they shared many, many hours on their boat on the lakes of and off the coast of Maine. He was quick witted and always had a funny story to tell, a twinkle in his eye and a way about him that helped others to see, appreciate and live on the lighter side life.

He was born in East Bethel in 1937 and attended Gould Academy before enlisting in the United States Navy to serve his country in the Korean War. During his eight years in the Navy, he saw service on the USS Midway, the USS Luzon, the USS AJAX, and the USS Black. By the age of 17, he had sailed around the world while being stationed in ports in Honolulu, Hawaii, Newport, R.I., and San Diego, Calif., and Chelsea, Mass. He earned many medals, among them: the Naval Good Conduct Medal, the China Service Medal, the Secretary of the Navy Commendation of Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Medal. Additionally, his Ribbons of Commendation included: Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Navy Battle Efficiency Ribbon and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. Soon after his honorable discharge from the Navy, Keith and his partner Suzanne started a painting contracting company in Bethel. After many years in business and having established a reputation for exceptional work, Keith retired to focus on building a hunting cabin on family land in East Bethel. He poured nearly all of his time and energy into creating a special place on the mountain and he loved having his friends and family there with him. Keith is survived by his wife of 50 years, Suzanne Stowell Bartlett; two sons, Keith Jr, his wife Laurie and their two sons Jeffrey and James of Sherborn, Mass.; Jeff and his wife Karen and their children Zachary, Molly and Tyler of Norfolk, Mass.; as well as many half brothers and sisters. He was predeceased by his father, Raymond Madison Bartlett; his mother, Grace Nowlin Bartlett; his grandfather and grandmother, Guy and Rose Bartlett. A memorial service will be held at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Bethel Ambulance and Rescue Service, 183 Main Street, Bethel, ME 04217 (207) 824-2815; or your local post of the American Legion; <http://www.legion.org/>. Condolences may be sent electronically to the Greenleaf Funeral Home.

SHIRLEY L. PILGRIM

Shirley L. Pilgrim, 69, of Bethel, passed away Dec. 19, 2010 in West Paris. She was born in Lynn, Mass., on July 16, 1941, daughter of John and Rita Lopresti Sr. In earlier years, she worked in foster care and more recently as a school lunch aide and volunteered at a clothing exchange in Bethel. She was a caring "mom" to many neighborhood kids. Survivors include her ex-spouse and long-time friend, Robert Pilgrim Sr.; her children, Robert Pilgrim Jr. and Melissa "Maleza" Pilgrim Lopresti; brothers, John Lopresti Jr., Raymond Lopresti, Harold Lopresti; sister, Carmella Lopresti; grandchildren, Jason Silva, Keith Pilgrim II, Robert Pilgrim III, William Pilgrim, Jenell (Pilgrim) Robinson, Ariana Pilgrim, Tyler Daman, David Pilgrim Guay, Andriadora Pilgrim Guay, Autumn Rayne Pilgrim Giberson; great-grandchildren, Tayla Pilgrim and another baby girl "on the way"; nieces and nephews, Angela Lopresti, Dawn Lopresti, John Lopresti, Lisa Lopresti, Roger Lopresti, Anthony Lopresti, AlLopresti, R.J. Lopresti, Harold "Hack" Lopresti, Angel Lopresti, Anjanette Wilson Lopresti, Tom Daman, Rita Lopresti, Luigi Lopresti, Melanie Lopresti (Potenza), Miranda Drinkwater (Potenza), James Wilson II, Joey Lopresti, Mike Lopresti, Gina Lopresti, Matthew Potenza, Marina Potenza, Mercedes Potenza. Shirley was predeceased by her parents and her son, Keith Pilgrim Sr.; sister, Margaret Wilson Lopresti; brother, Alfred Lopresti; brother, Roger Lopresti Sr.; and son-in-law, David N. Guay. A celebration of Shirley's life will be announced in the spring. Those who wish may make donations in Shirley's name to American Lung Cancer, 122 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330-5615. Online condolences may be offered at www.directremationofmaine.com.

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ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.
Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.
Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information,

call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.
Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale, seasonal Christmas Eve through Easter. Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregation at Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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Community Calendar

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell now has newly arrived work by Michael Tatom, sculptor, on display through Holiday season. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com Open daily.

Friday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel.
7 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road. Joint service with Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Sunday, Dec. 26

7 p.m. - **The Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Family Friendly Hypnotist Steve Marino at the Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: Adult advance \$6/door \$8, children 12 and under \$4 advance/\$6 door; children 5 and under free. Advance tickets at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or by calling (800) 543-2SKI.

Monday, Dec. 27

5 to 7 p.m. - **"Fireside Chat"** slide show on Maine's skiing presented by Dream Realty and the Ski Museum of Maine at Mill Hill Inn, Bethel, entitled "Schuss-Boom and Schuss-Bust: Fast-Paced Growth and Face-Plants of Maine Skiing 1945-1991. Narrator: Scott Andrews, curator and research director at Ski Museum of Maine.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road. Call 824-2289 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 31

5 to 10 p.m. - **New Year's at Bethel Historical**

Society: 5-6:30 potluck supper, 6 dragon parade for children, 6:30-8:30 candlelight open house at Moses Mason house, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Senior Players perform, 8:30-9:30 refreshments and sing-a-long. Marshmallow roasting all evening in yard between Mason and Robinson houses. Free donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.
7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve! Tickets" \$15 all seats. Song and dance production, juggling routines, comedy and visit from Buckfield Synchronized Swimming Team. FMI and tickets: 336-3306 (box office).
8 p.m. - **Battle of the Bands** (Monsta vs. Hooligans) at Black Mountain, Rumford. Doors open 7 p.m.
8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - **Jones Dance Band New Year's Eve** dance/buffet at South Paris Legion Hall. Cost: \$15 single/\$30 couple For reservations: Betty Decoteau 743-7965.

Monday, Jan. 3

6:30 to 8:30 - **Socrates Cafe** meets at Waterford Library. Topic for discussion: "Does Beauty Matter" moderated by Ed Somers. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5

7 p.m. - **Adele Myers and Dancers**, hosted by Mahoosuc Arts Council as part of Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium on Jan. 4. The troupe will perform at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and for area home-schooled and district charter school students on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at Telstar Helen Berry Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$6 children and seniors. FMI: 824-3575 or e-mail info@mahoosucarts.org or visit www.mahoosucarts.org

Mondays, Jan. 3, 24 and Tuesday, Jan. 11

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops hosted by The Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Jan. 3 and 24 at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street and Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress St. To register and FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Jan. 10, Feb. 22, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Jan. 12

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Reservations must be made before noon on Jan. 10 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Menu: stuffed haddock (\$10). Membership dues (\$3) due at this meeting. New members always welcome.

Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Tuesday, Jan. 25 for six weeks

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Grief Support Group** begins at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free but registration required: Robin Green, LCSW at 743-1562 ext 379.

February 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. If interested to rent tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236. Sign-up time starts Dec. 16 on.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

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Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine

Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge**, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT
AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. **Big Book Meeting** Sundays at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. **12 Step/Traditions Meeting** Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. **Open Discussion Meeting** Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI

call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9a-5p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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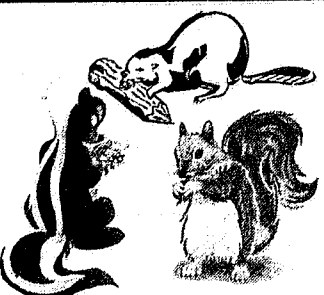
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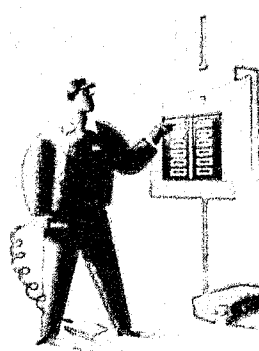
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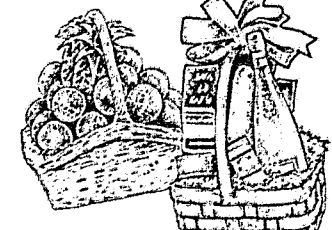
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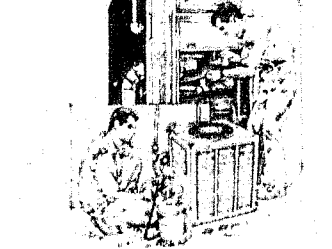
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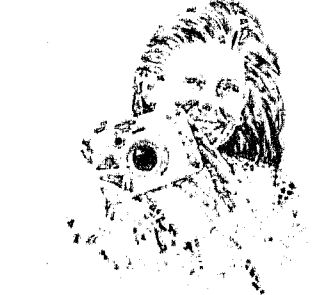
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Happenings Around Town

Sunday River Black Diamond Entertainment Series Sunday, December 26

Comedian Hypnotist Steve Marino. 7:00 pm at The Grand Summit Resort Hotel Family Friendly Hypnotist Steve Marino entertains audiences across the country with his amazing and hilarious comedy hypnosis stage shows. Volunteers from the audience become the stars of the show and everyone will be rolling in the aisle with laughter. Pricing: Children (5 & under) Free, Children (12 & under) \$4 advance, \$6 door, Adults (13 & over) \$6 advance, \$8 door. FMI: 1-800-543-2SKI

Sunday River Black Diamond Entertainment Series Tuesday, December 28

The Jim Show. 7:00 pm at The Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Comedy, Balancing, Juggling, Interaction! Armed with nothing more than a trunk full of props, a quick, dry wit, and a mysterious, "cat-like" agility, Jim bounds to the stage for an unforgettable show. He performs amazing (and sometimes dangerous) feats of skill; thrives on audience interaction; and enjoys accepting challenges. Jim performs with enthusiasm and self-deprecating humor while he makes light of his "mistakes" and bloopers-all in good fun and all intentional. Pricing: Children (5 &

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New Year's at the Bethel Historical Society Friday, December 31

Mark the end of the old year and the beginning of the new in the heart of Bethel's National Historic District. This fun-filled evening of celebration and activities will include a potluck supper, a dragon parade for children, a candlelight open house at the 1813 residence of Dr. and Mrs. Moses Mason, refreshments and a sing-a-long in the Society's exhibit hall, performances by the Senior Players, and marshmallow roasting in the yard between the Mason and Robinson houses. 5:00 to 10:00 PM; free, but donations appreciated.

New Year's Eve Celebration at The Bethel Inn Resort Friday, December 31

The evening begins with a five course dinner served in our Main Dining Room and Veranda from 5:30pm -10pm. Following, enjoy live entertainment by "The Underachievers," rhythm and blues band in The Millbrook Tavern with a champagne toast at midnight. All for just \$59.95 per person. FMI and to make reservations, call 207-824-2175

Fireworks Spectacular at Sunday River Friday, December 31

Ring in the new Year with one of the largest fireworks shows of the year! Best viewed slopeside at South Ridge or Decksides at the Foggy Goggle, 8:30pm. FMI on other New Year's Eve festivities around the resort, call 800-543-2SKI

Battle of the Bands at Black Mountain Friday, December 31

Monsta and The Hooligans will come together on New Years Eve for a Battle of the Bands. The show will start at 8:00pm, with doors opening at 7:00. Tickets are \$20 each. FMI 207-364-8977

Sunday River Black Diamond Entertainment Series Friday, December 31

Off the Ground Circus Arts 7:45 pm - Located at the South Ridge Base Lodge, Free Admission! Come enjoy two unique and astonishing acrobatic, fire eating/breathing/spinning performances just prior to one of our largest fireworks show of the year. A free slope side show at the South Ridge Lodge- a great way to ring in the New Year. Spectacular fireworks immediately following the show.

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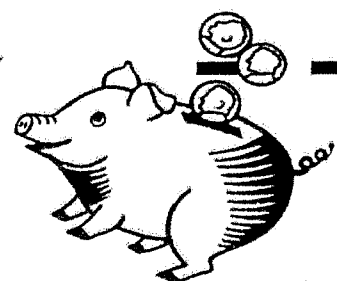
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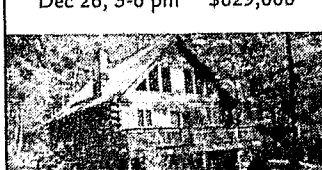
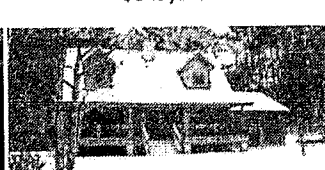
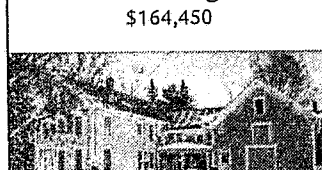
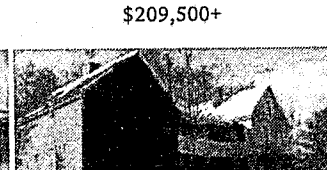
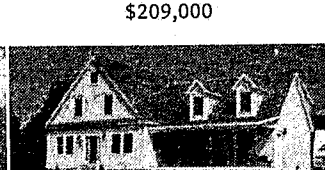
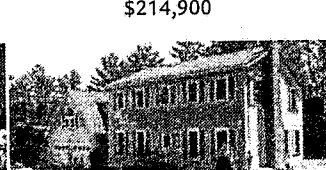
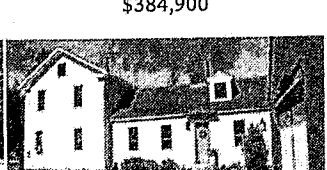
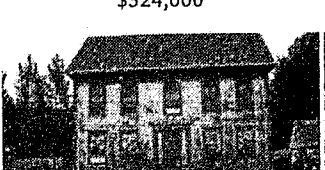
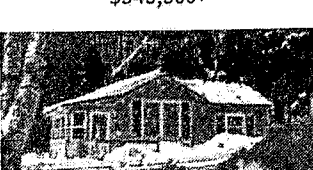
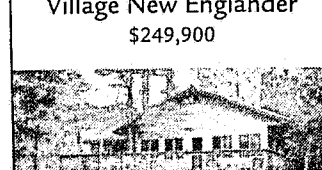
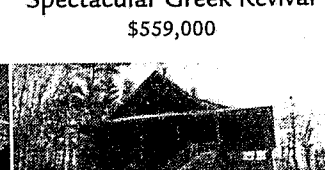
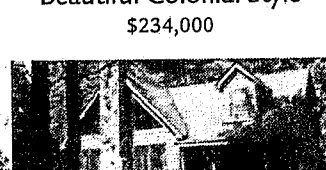
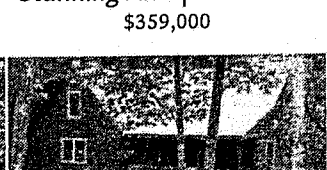
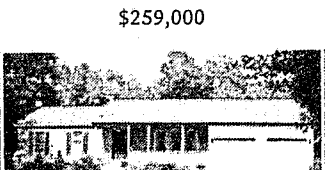
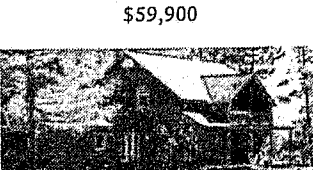
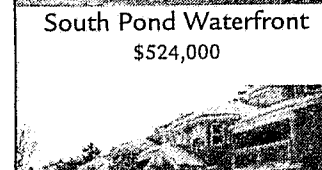
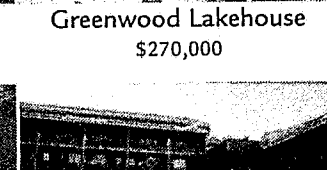
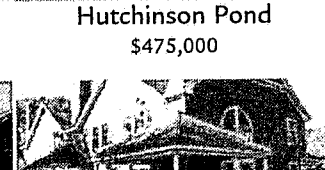
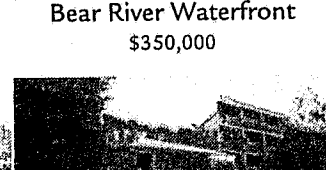
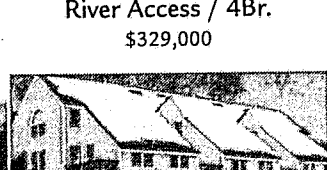
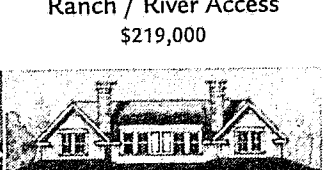
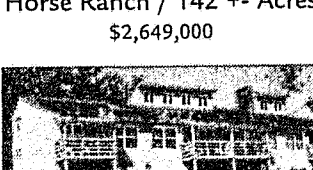
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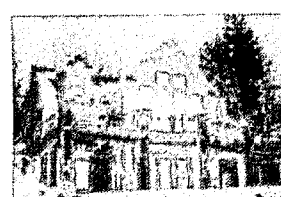
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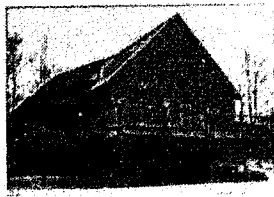
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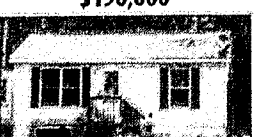
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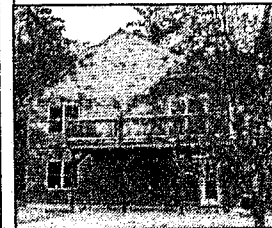
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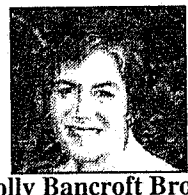
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19 Crosby Lane, Newry: This 4-BR, 3-bath home is fully furnished with classic rustic decor. Enjoy the mountain views in this spacious home. The ease of living in Red House Farm Village is widely known - take the Mountain Explorer to and from the slopes. This is a quality, well-priced home. \$295,000

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Obituaries

JOHN T. SPEED

John Thomas Speed, 67, of Woodstock, passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 13, 2010.

He was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 12, 1943, the son of John J. and Lillian (O'Donnell) Speed. He was a shift supervisor in the purchasing department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

He faithfully served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of St. Athanasius Church in Rumbold, attended St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Norway and was a volunteer at the Oxford Food Pantry.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Speed and Kellie Biggins and her husband William; sisters, Joan Pedersen and Mary Gillies; brother, Tom Speed; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church followed by interment at the Maine Veterans' Cemetery, Augusta. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oxford Hills Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com



HAROLD F. CLUKEY JR.

Harold F. Clukey Jr., 82, of Bryant Pond, Maine, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 14, 2010 at the V.A. Hospital in Augusta, Maine.

He was born in Dexter, Maine, on Dec. 10, 1928. He was the son of Harold F. Clukey Sr. and Doris Clukey and grew up in Dexter with his five older siblings: Rolla, Quinny, Cyril, Joseph, and sister JoAnne.

Harold was known for his love and knowledge of airplanes; he began flying them at the age of 10 and chartered himself out at a young age flying beaver trappers across the northern Maine area. He then went on to fly for the Army and was a fighter/bomber pilot in the Korean war.

After retiring as a major, Harold studied medicine

and graduated from college in Hampden, Mass., in 1959. The same year he married his loving wife, Violette Carey of Waterville. They decided to move home to Maine and raise a family. He started Clukey's Pharmacy on Main Street, Bethel, and they had four children: Roland, John, David, and daughter Terry. Harold taught them all to fly.

He was known for spending time at his hangar at the Bethel Airport working on his plane, greeting strangers, giving rides and just enjoying the action! He also enjoyed spending time with his seven grandchildren and will always be remembered for helping anyone who needed it and his great sense of humor.

BRADLEY M. BENSON

Bradley Merle Benson, 71, of Bethel, died on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at Central Maine Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 19, 1939, in Berlin, N.H., the second child of Frank and Sylvia Benson. He grew up in Bethel and was educated in Bethel schools, graduating from Gould Academy in 1958. After completing high school, he entered the U.S. Army Reserve and was honorably discharged. In 1960, he married the former Anne Brown of Bethel, and they had a son, Andrew. In 1979, he married the former Fern Bachelder, also of Bethel, and they had a daughter, Bliss. A hard worker, Bradley devoted much of his life to building a successful timber business and he loved nothing as much as working in the woods himself. He continued work, managing the day to day affairs of his company, until very shortly before his death.

He is survived by Fern, who cared for him in his final illness; his son, Andrew, Andrew's wife, Alicia, granddaughter, Olivia Grace, all of Athens; daughter Bliss, of Bethel; brother, Frank Benson of Winthrop; sister, Sylvia Murphy of Portland, and sister, Sharon Kimball of Watford.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Greenleaf Funeral Home, Bethel. Spring interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Bethel.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

LOUISE Y. HEITMAN

Louise Y. Heitman, 93, Emporia, Kan., died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at the Emporia Presbyterian Manor.

Louise Y. Young was born at Clearwater, Kan., on July 19, 1917, the daughter of Seymore and Gladys Wolf Young. She married Walter R. Heitman at

Clearwater on Nov. 5, 1939. He died April 9, 1997.

Surviving family members include: her daughter, Barbara Gimple, Emporia, Kan.; son-in-law, Rod Harrington, Bethel, Maine; brother, Jack Young of Flower Mound, Texas; grandchildren, Amy Aranda, Emporia, Janell Brown, Topeka, Kan., Rodney Harrington, Downers Grove, Ill., and Ellen Harrington, Indianapolis, Ind.; great-grandchildren, Lane, Wyatt, and Reid Browning, and Evan, Brian, and Rachel Aranda.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a daughter, Jonalou Harrington.

Mrs. Heitman was a member of the First Christian Church of Emporia, Kan.; The Order of the Eastern Star, Oxford, Kan.; and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

She worked for the Agriculture, Stabilization, and Conservation Services office in Howard, Elk County, Kan. She was a graduate of North High School, Wichita, and had attended Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

She had been an Emporia resident since 1992.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the First Christian Church, Emporia, conducted by Pastor Bob Colerick. The graveside service was Wednesday at the Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Kan.

The memorial is with the church, and contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home: Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, 605 State Street, Emporia, Ka 66801.

VERNON E. ELDRIDGE

Vernon E. Eldredge, 83, of New Gloucester, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010 at d'Youville Pavilion. He had been at home up until the last five weeks.

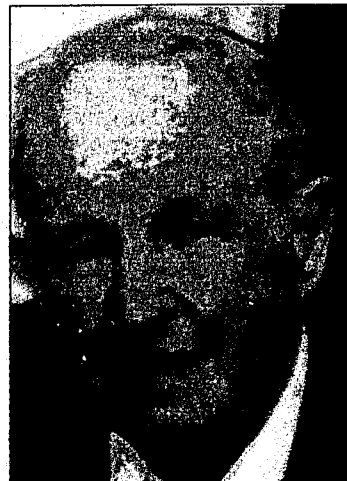
He was born in Bethel on Oct. 22, 1927, the son of Earle and Doris Grover Eldredge. He attended Hallowell schools and faithfully served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Franklin. He was a member of the Maine National Guard until 1955.

He married Grace Mae LeBeau in 1948; she passed away in 1979. He married Leona Pearl Bragdon in 1985. He had been employed at the Maine Food Plant, Cushman Bakery, W. T. Grant, Conifers and had

been a handyman at KFC. He loved to work, he was a good man and he took pride in his job. He enjoyed his vegetable gardens, raising animals and playing cards.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; a son, Vernon Jr. and his wife Janet of Cedar City, Utah; a daughter, Barbara J. Farwell and her husband James, of New Gloucester; five stepchildren, Linda Bowie of New Gloucester, Diane Plummer and her husband John of New Gloucester, Jeannie Babbitt of New Gloucester, Susan Peterson and her husband Michael of Auburn and Grace Bragdon of New Gloucester; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; brother, Earle, of Manchester; two sisters, Phyllis Ricchio of Portland and Shirley Roberts of Alaska. He was predeceased by two brothers, Donald and Harry, who died in a POW camp in Korea.

At Mr. Eldredge's request, there will be no services. Interment will be at Forest City Cemetery in South Portland. Donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.



JOSEPH F. LYONS

Joseph F. Lyons, 83, of Quincy, Mass., passed away Dec. 19, 2010. He was the devoted husband of 57 years to Rosemary (McMenamin) Lyons.

Born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 5, 1927, Joe was the 10th of 11 children born to the late William and Elizabeth (Meany) Lyons, and served his country during WWII and Korea in the U.S. Navy, where he was a proud member of the SeaBees. Following his time in the service, he worked for many years as a pipefitter with the Boston Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1973. He later worked in the maintenance depart-

ment at N.E. Deaconess Hospital, and at the former Shuster Laboratories in Quincy before finally retiring in 2002. While he enjoyed his work and the people he worked with, his happiest times were those spent with his loving family.

In addition to his beloved wife Rosemary, he is survived by his adult children; Maureen E. Lyons of Quincy, Rita M. Calio and husband Vincent of Foxboro, Joseph W. Lyons of Albany, Maine, and Daniel T. Lyons of Quincy. Dear brother of Ruth T. and Rita A. Lyons, both of Quincy. Cherished grandfather of William, Michael, Caitlyn and Elizabeth Lyons, and Christopher Calio, and great-grandfather of Bailey and William Lyons. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends, including Deanna Lyons of Carver and Susan Peguero of Quincy. He was the brother of the late Mary DeLorey, Elizabeth Webster, Helen Ciardi and William, John, Edward, Richard and Leonard Lyons.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, from the Hamel, Wickens & Troupe Funeral Home, 26 Adams Street, Quincy Center, Mass., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Ann's Church, Quincy, Mass. Interment with military honors followed at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

Instead of flowers, the family has asked that donations in Joe's memory be made to: American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701

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WOODSTOCK APPEALS BOARD MEETING

The Woodstock Board of Appeals will meet at the Woodstock Town Office at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 to review and sign the minutes of the meeting held, at the request of Nathaniel Snow, at the Town Office on Thursday, December 16, 2010.

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Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2011 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office.

Dogs that are six months old or older must now be licensed.

License fees are \$6.00 neutered/spayed
\$11.00 not neutered/spayed
\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence.

You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable.

A late fee of \$ 15.00 will be charged on February 1, 2011.

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